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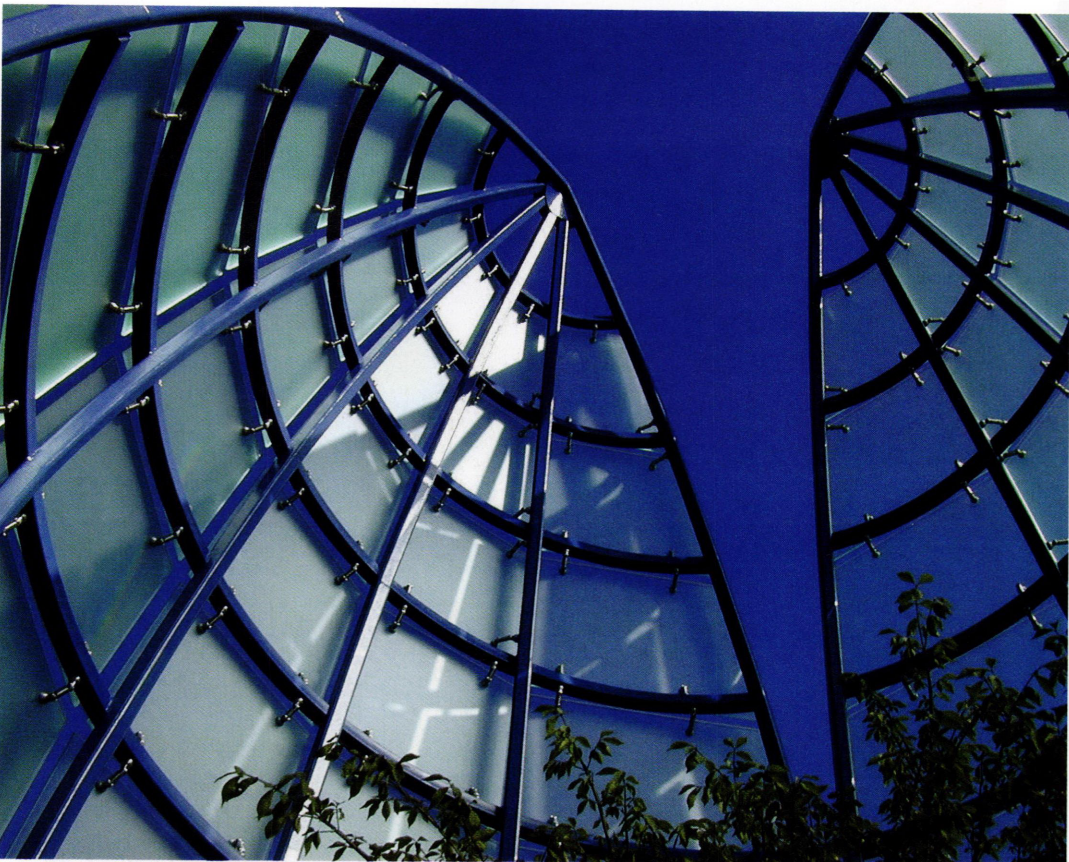


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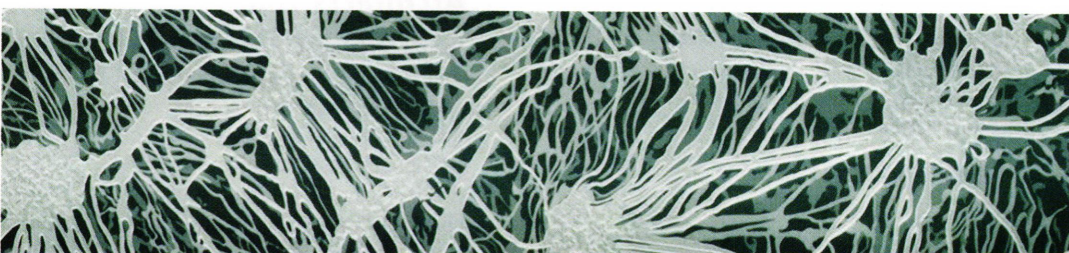
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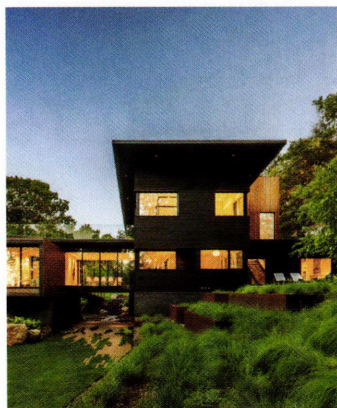
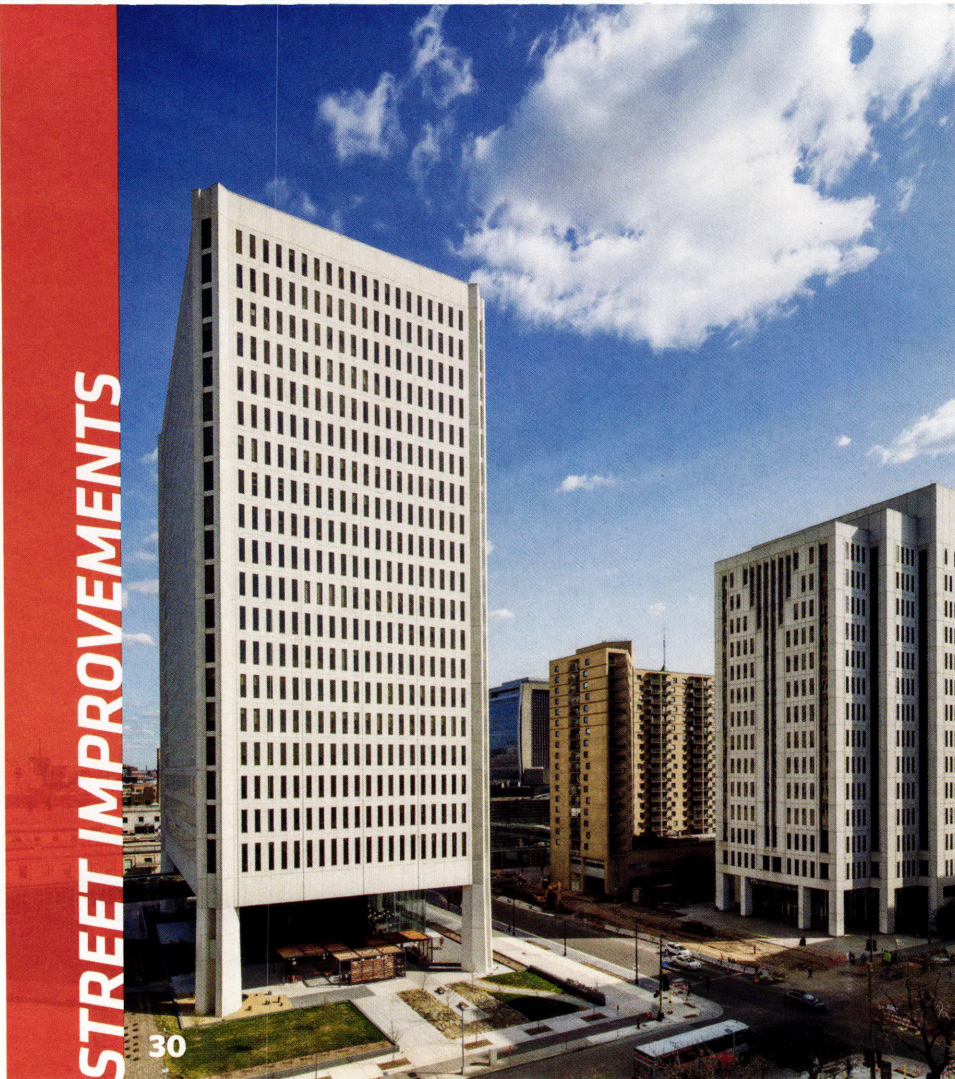


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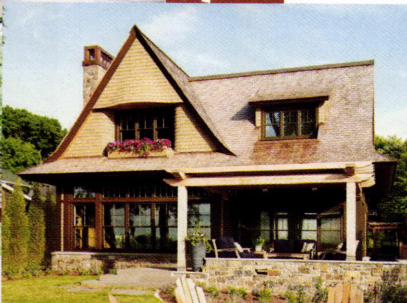
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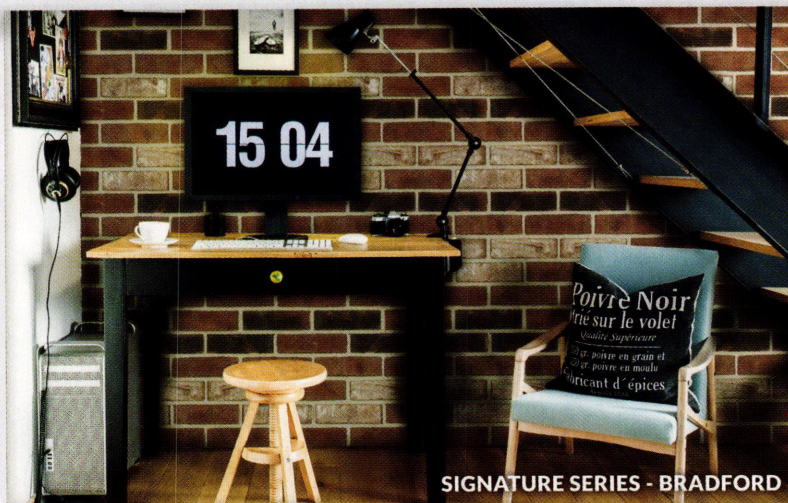
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An artist's rendering of the view from the Walker's Cargill Lounge out to the redesigned Wurtele Upper Garden.

INSIDE OUTSIDE (AMSTERDAM)

Art & Design

LATE LAST FALL, *Architecture MN* helped the Walker Art Center celebrate the opening of its new entry pavilion by bringing HGA Architects and Engineers' Joan Soranno and John Cook, Minnesota Design Center director Thomas Fisher, and Walker director Olga Viso together for a design conversation on the ideas and considerations that shaped the addition. This September, we continue our event partnership with the Walker with a Target Free Thursday Night presentation by Inside Outside's Petra Blaisse, who led the redesign of the museum's Wurtele Upper Garden.

When I think of all the beautifully integrated changes to the Walker campus, one of my favorite articles from the magazine archives leaps to mind. In our January/February 1969 issue—back when we were called *Northwest Architect*—Walker director Martin Friedman penned a preview of the Edward Larrabee Barnes building, which would be completed in 1971. Friedman had a flare for writing about architecture:

While innovative design solutions distinguish new museums around the world, there is frequently the suspicion that architects are not always grateful for the presence in their impressive structures of such competing phenomena as paintings and sculptures. Perhaps that's why [Frank Lloyd] Wright introduced the element of peril in the Guggenheim—with its slanted, spiraling floors, tilted exhibition walls, and scant space for the acrophobic viewer who risks plunging over the railing.

Well, sure, if Wright is your example, then the suspicion is probably warranted. But I've never met an architect who bristled at the chance to design an environment in which world-class artworks can thrive. Friedman himself was delighted to have his suspicions alleviated by Barnes:

Edward Larrabee Barnes likes art! He collects it. His offices and drafting rooms contain constantly changing displays of lively new works by young painters and sculptors. While Barnes' minimalistic design for the Art Center is unmistakably assertive, he maintains that the paramount function of a museum is to exhibit, not overwhelm, works of art.

Olga Viso and her team had a similar experience with their architects and landscape architects. Join us in the Walker Cinema on September 7 and you'll see what an art center with big ideas and talented designers can achieve when it aims to create an enduring sense of place.

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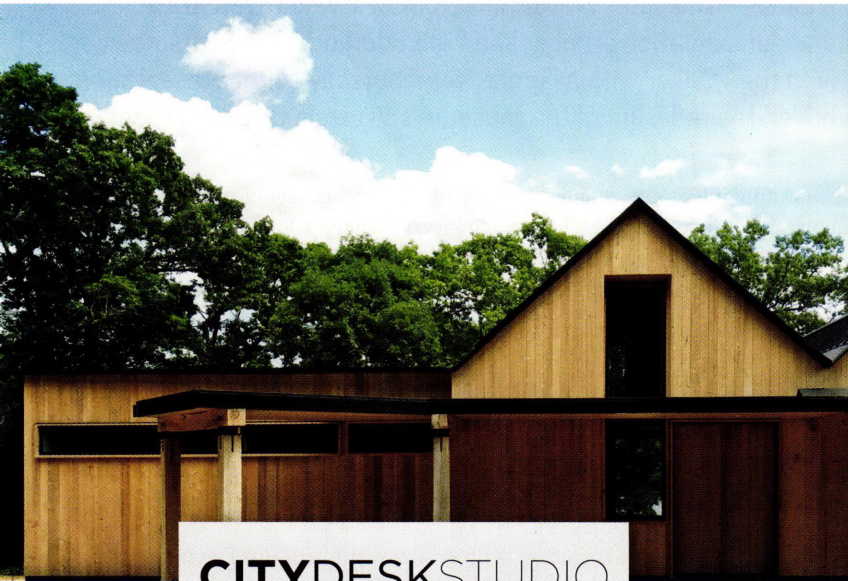
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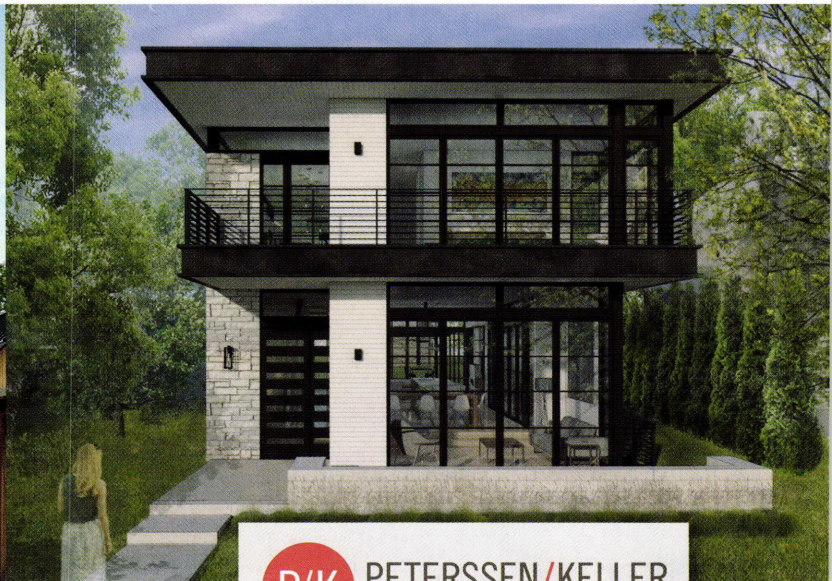
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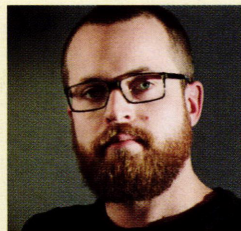
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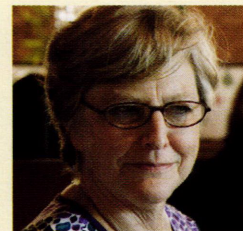
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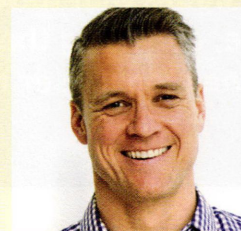
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Architecture MN previews the Homes by Architects Tour with an evening of drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and design conversation at Room & Board



Geoff Warner, AIA, confesses that he's not really a tiny house fan. That's a little surprising, because the firm he founded, Alchemy Architects, is best known for the weeHouse, a modular home system with sections that measure 14 feet wide—the better to fit on a truck. The weeHouse is prefabricated and delivered to its site.

It's not about the wee-ness, though. It's about thoughtful, sustainable, beautiful modern design. Warner can tell you more at *Architecture MN*'s next design conversation event at Room & Board in Edina, on September 13. Warner will be joined by SALA Architects' Katherine Hillbrand, AIA, and TEA2 Architects' Dan Nepp, AIA, both of whom designed a house on this year's Homes by Architects Tour (page 40).

"Before the recession, there was more emphasis on quantity than on quality of living spaces. Then people realized all that space didn't really give them a meaningful, or even very usable, home," says Warner, whose firm recently complemented the weeHouse with the LightHotel (top right and page 88), a transportable, eco-friendly, one-room hotel that's inhabited some notable locations around the Twin Cities since it debuted in late 2015.

The solar-powered LightHotel began life as an 8-by-20-foot shipping container, but kitted out by Alchemy it's downright airy, with sleek wood walls, luxe lighting, and contemporary furniture.

"We did this weird little art installation to show how it relates to our other work and the whole concept of the luxury of less," says Warner. "People are valuing experiences over things, and the LightHotel is a unique experience."

Hillbrand's Homes by Architects Tour project (top left and page 43) is firmly fixed in its location—on a small lake in Stillwater—but it shares Warner's intention to deliver quality sustainable design. Nepp's story-and-a-half, shingle-style home on Lake Minnetonka (bottom) echoes the scale and character of Excelsior's historic lake homes while offering sweeping views of the water. Both houses also feature outdoor "rooms" that are seamlessly integrated with the architecture.

—Amy Goetzman

Clockwise from top left: HBA House #17, by SALA's Katherine Hillbrand; the LightHotel, by Alchemy's Geoff Warner; HBA House #1, by TEA2's Dan Nepp.

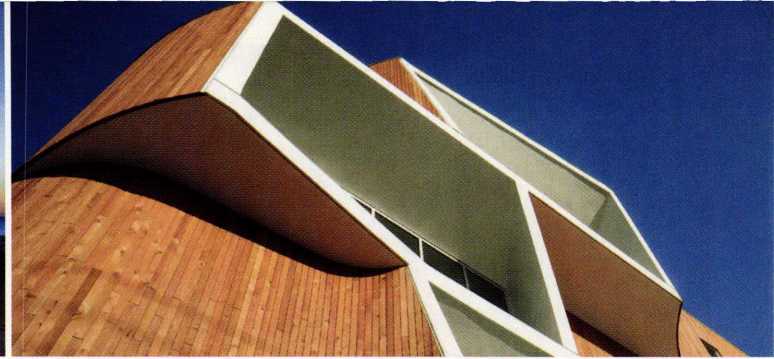


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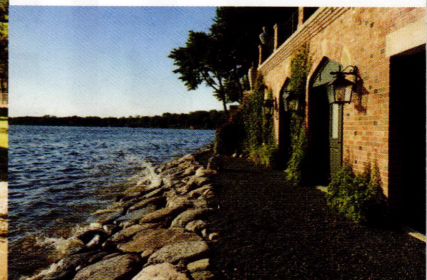
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A new book celebrates more than a century of boathouse design on one of Minnesota's most famous lakes



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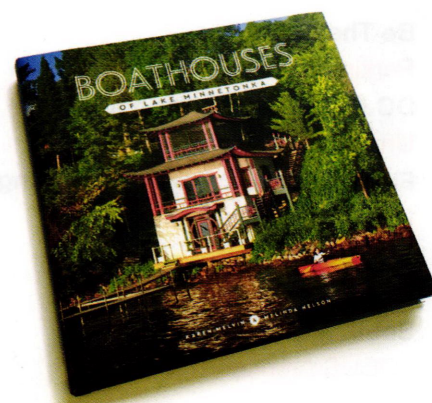


COFFEE TABLE BOOKS ABOUT THE fabulous homes of the super-rich can be a little hard to relate to—or even unappealing, if all that excess lacks soul. As every architect knows, good design doesn't have to be big design. In fact, smaller structures can be so much more inviting and livable. See for yourself in *Boathouses of Lake Minnetonka*.

In this beautiful book of stories, photographer Karen Melvin and writer Melinda Nelson peek into nearly three dozen boathouses that are at least as interesting as the structures they accompany. They ponder the mystery of who designed the pagoda-style boathouse near Smithtown Bay. They share family stories, like the one about the birch-bark canoe that spent a century in the rafters of the Gluek family boathouse. They revisit past design eras through the amazing structures that the Daytons, Bells, Fruens, and other moneyed Minnesota families commissioned for their watercraft.

Some of these places look like they were hauled over from the old country. A few are still in the hands of the families that first settled the lake. The boathouse built on J.J. Hill's former Crystal Bay farm is as lovely as anything on Summit Hill in St. Paul. The structure William Channing Whitney designed for General Mills founder James Ford Bell embodied the beauty and simplicity of Scandinavian modernism long before that style took off in Minnesota. A few of the boathouses still hold old canoes and classic Chris-Crafts, but many more have been repurposed as indoor-outdoor living spaces or sweet guesthouses. The best ones reek of history and boast a down-to-earth yet unmistakably artful design character.

These little structures overflow with personality. They express the idea that the point of living on this remarkable lake isn't about showing off your wealth; it's about creating an environment that feels like you're on vacation every day of your life. It's about making a Minnesota summer last forever. —Amy Goetzman



BOATHOUSES OF LAKE MINNETONKA

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2017 MERIT AWARDS

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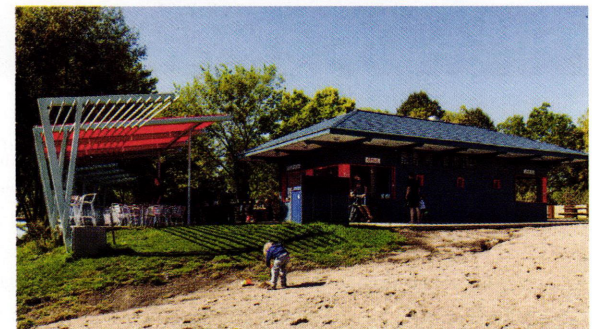
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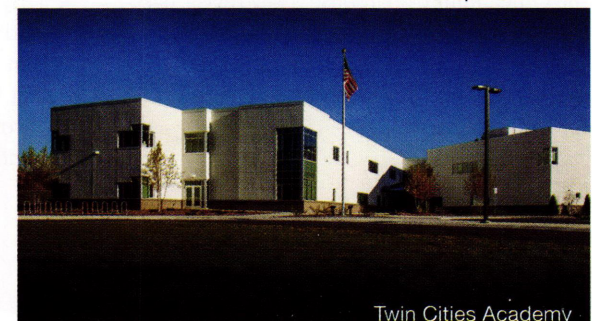
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License to Steel

Musings on the corrugated-metal craze in multifamily housing

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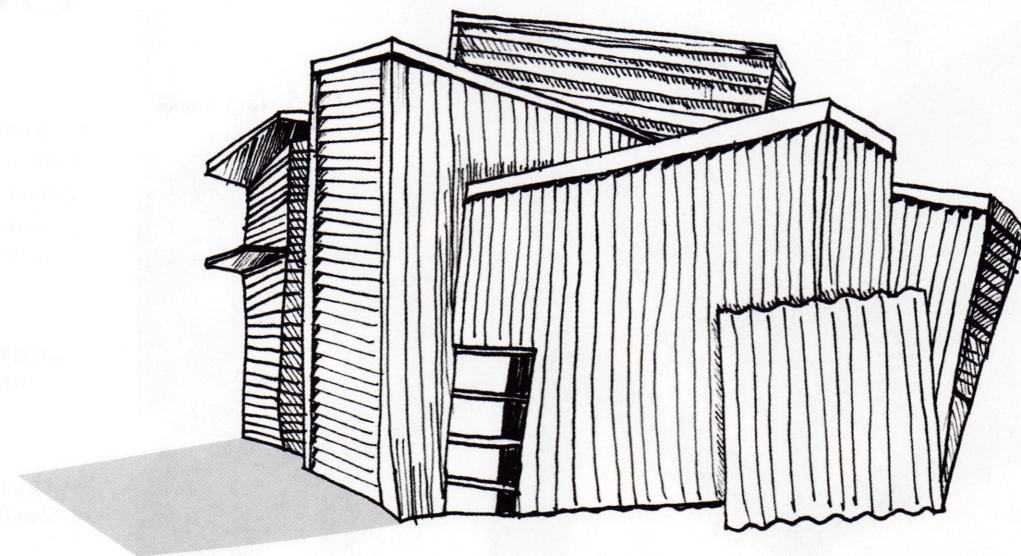
Minneapolis is Frank Gehry's Frederick R.

Weisman Art Museum at the University

of Minnesota. I think it's a sentiment shared by many Twin Citians of his generation. It's especially common among those, like R.T., with an interest in the public perception of the cities as a forward-looking modern metropolis. In the days before the Walker expansion and the new Guthrie, the Weisman was the savvy graphic designer's best friend when some visual shorthand for the dynamism of the Twin Cities was required for print publication purposes. In fact, the first guidebook to the Twin Cities I ever purchased, in 2004 or so, had the Weisman front and center. Before I even moved here, I knew what the Weisman looked like.

When Gehry's museum crested the bluffs of the Mississippi River in 1993, steel gleaming in the sunlight, it was an instant standout civic attraction, an architectural statement that was, in a particularly Minnesotan way, just the *slightest* bit ahead of the curve. Just the slightest bit—tiptoeing right to the line of immodesty but not quite crossing it. When it opened, *Star Tribune* architectural critic Linda Mack wasn't sure whether it was "a Martian spacesuit of a museum" or "a pile of tin." In her first preview of the building, she called it both, in the space of three sentences.

As Mack's ambiguity suggests, metal can seem simultaneously cosmic and colloquial in a way no other material can. It can reflect the surroundings, both literally and metaphorically. All that metal on the Weisman not only reflected the wide-open prairie sky into the water; it also suggested a monolithic industrial past wrapped in steel cladding, a past that had been tidied up, modernized, and streamlined into something novel and chic. What early 21st-century urban mayor wouldn't gaze upon that tableau—



Frank Gehry's landmark museum on the Mississippi River and his architecture career as a whole may give some insights into how corrugated metal went from avant-garde eccentricity to developer cliché in the space of 30 years.

a picturesque metaphor for the economic revitalization of the riverfront—and smile fondly?

BROWN OR GUNMETAL GRAY

It's hard to say how national trends intersect with local trends, but I often wonder if the presence of the Weisman in the collective consciousness gave Twin Cities architects and builders a taste for metal. In the past decade, as mixed-use buildings have sprouted up around the denser

precincts of the cities, an inescapable feature has been panels of corrugated metal. In Minneapolis, think of the residential developments in Uptown, or in the Warehouse District, or especially student rental properties by the U. The image that comes to mind is a four- or five-story building, boxy in shape, suspended balconies uniformly barnacled to the sides, and the exterior clad in brown, taupe, and gray EIFS panels. The rental properties in particular take a let's-try-four-or-five-materials approach to design.

Mixed in there, invariably, are sheets of corrugated aluminum. Sometimes they're brown, but often they're a buffed gunmetal gray, not much different in color or form from the industrial sheds that sat on these sites not that long ago. They add a touch of what you might call either a postmodern sleekness or a post-industrial grittiness, depending on your mood.

In fact, this type of corrugated-metal accent on new apartment buildings is so pervasive it's metastasized into cliché. When people complain about new trends in multifamily residential architecture—and oh, they do, all over the Internet—it's usually the corrugated metal that's singled out.

"I've seen more attractive pole barns," one Internet commenter complained about a proposed development in the Warehouse District several years ago. "Was there a deal going on

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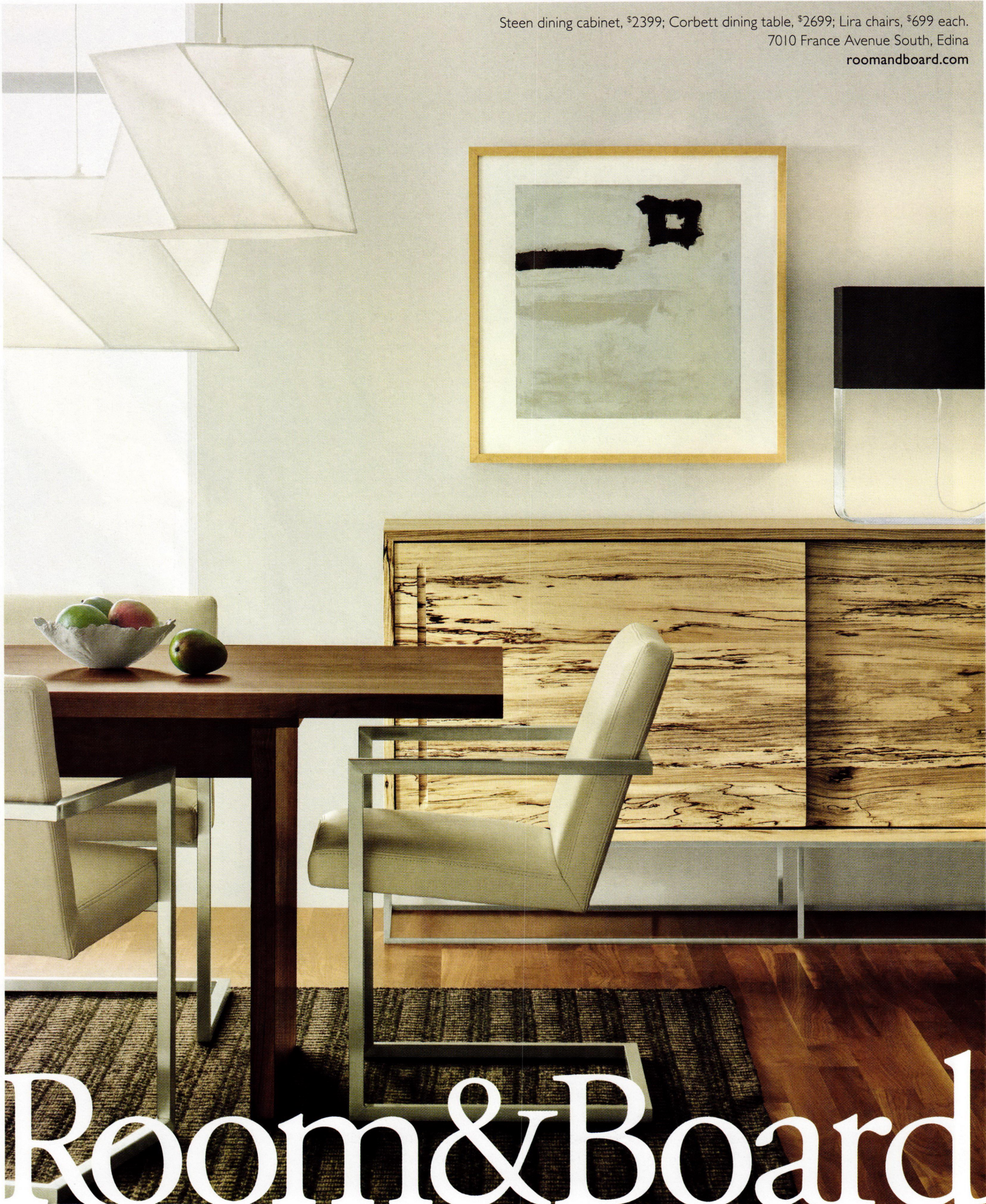
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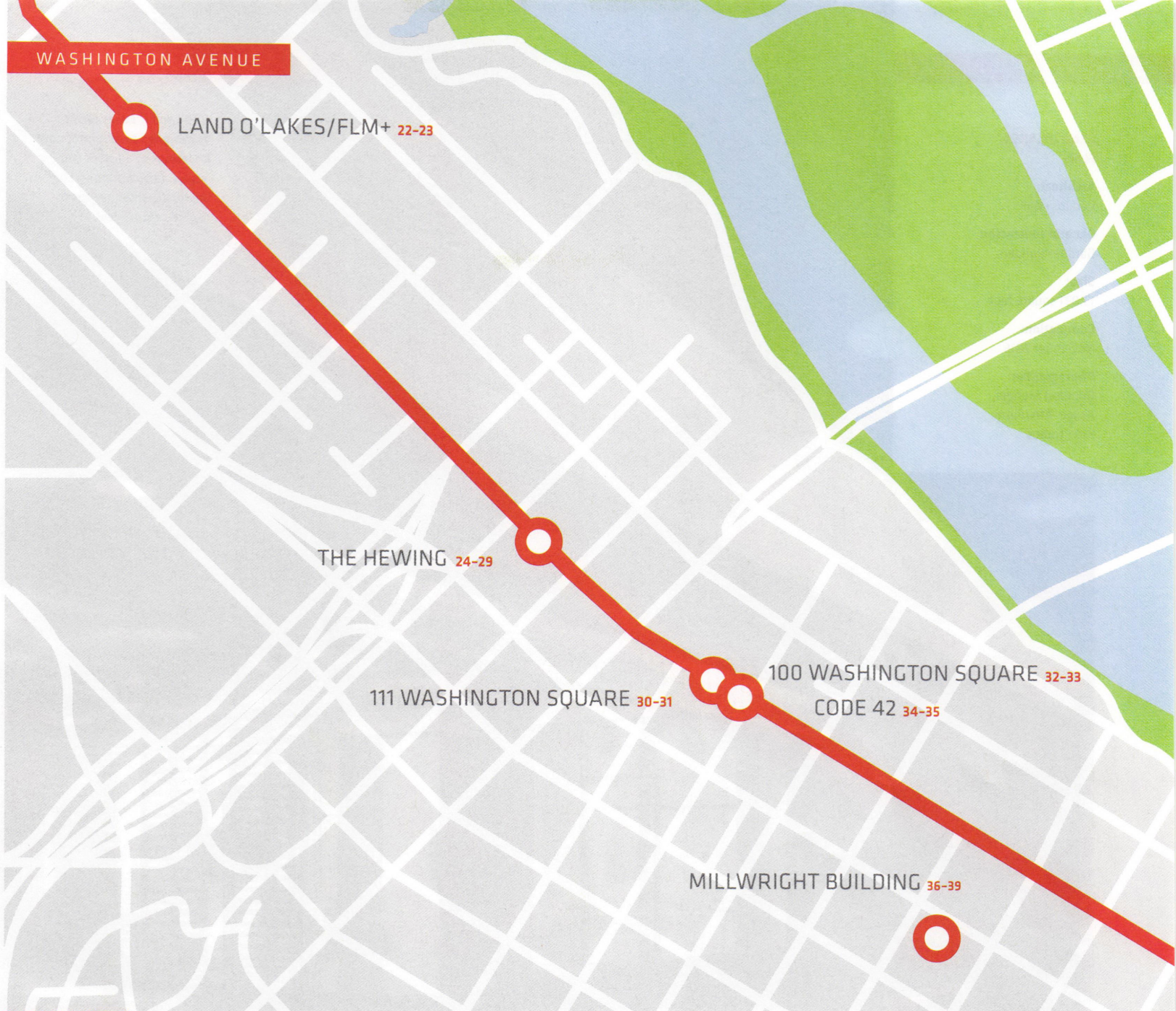
INNER LIGHT

EVERYONE LOOKS UP AT TOWERING ARCHITECTURE, but it can be just as exhilarating to look down. When Minneapolis architectural photographer Corey Gaffer visited Florence, Italy's famed Piazza del Duomo and climbed the Gothic Giotto's Bell Tower earlier this year, he bravely lowered his camera into an opening in a floor grate that once accommodated the ropes used to ring the bells. "At the top of the bell tower are easily the best views of the city," Gaffer recalls. "But when I got back to the hotel room that night, the first image I went digging for was this one. I knew the light was perfect."

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STREET IMPROVEMENTS

A string of new design projects makes Washington Avenue in Minneapolis a prime destination for work and play

By Joel Hoekstra

WASHINGTON AVENUE WAS PLATTED IN 1854 TO RUN PARALLEL TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, and it quickly became a vital conduit for commercial activity, its unpaved surface traveled by merchants, millers, farmers, and blacksmiths busily building the city. Today, the thoroughfare still plays a key part in moving traffic and commerce in Minneapolis. Tech companies, commercial builders, advertising agencies, and architecture firms now populate the boulevard, fueling the city's modern economy. Here are six new architect-designed spaces that are remaking the Washington Avenue corridor as Minneapolis' premier address.

**LAND O'LAKES/
FLM+**

Architect:

Perkins+Will

General contractor:

Gardner Builders

Size:

13,021 square feet

Completion:

November 2016

Photographer:

Brandon Stengel,
Assoc. AIA/Farm
Kid Studios

The Land O'Lakes facility is designed to accommodate meetings of all sizes and styles. Crisp lines give the historic warehouse space a 21st-century feel.

The conference facility allows employees to meet with clients or spend time working before attending downtown appointments.



*Above: The glassy view into the FLM+ reception area.
Below: Mobile workstations in the Land O'Lakes space.*

LAND O'LAKES/FLM+ Hardworking and timeless

MINNESOTA-BASED LAND O'LAKES IS A COOPERATIVE OWNED BY FARMERS.

So it seems fitting that the Arden Hills-based organization chose to lease space in a former John Deere tractor factory for its most recent expansion in Minneapolis. The company's new offsite conference facility and wholly owned subsidiary FLM+, a marketing agency, now occupy a renovated space in the TractorWorks Building on Washington Avenue in the North Loop.

The Minneapolis office of Perkins+Will tapped the historic roots of both the company and the building in its design for Land O'Lakes. The 7,400-square-foot space for FLM+ is contemporary, with glassed-in conference rooms, a digital-editing suite, and adjustable desks arranged in an open, collaborative workspace. But exposed-brick walls and an old wooden gate unearthed in the building's basement serve as reminders of the past.

The 5,600-square-foot conference facility, where Land O'Lakes employees meet with clients or spend time working before attending downtown appointments, features three conference rooms, a food bar, locker spaces, several phone rooms, a dozen workstations, and a glassed-in lounge with a sofa and chairs. A light fixture made from old milk jugs hints at the cooperative's dairy-centric origins.

"Like the building's original owners, Land O'Lakes needed a hardworking, timeless space," says Tony Layne, AIA, managing director of Perkins+Will's Minneapolis office. "Our design embraced the brick and timber structure by leaving the brick walls exposed and framing out the timber columns." •



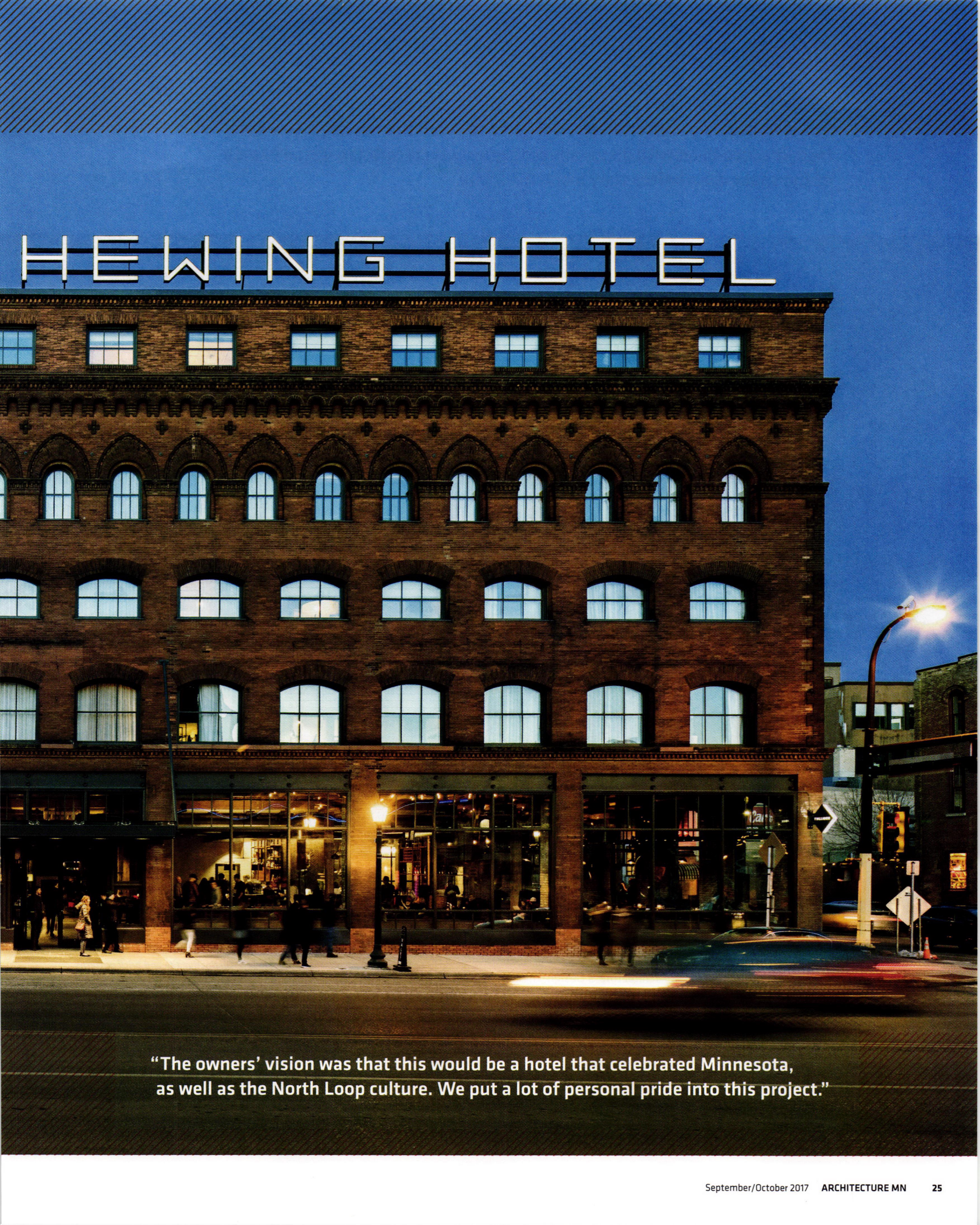
THE HEWING

Stylish comfort

ANCHORED BY THE STRETCH OF WASHINGTON AVENUE TO THE NORTH OF HENNEPIN AVENUE, the North Loop has become Minneapolis' hottest neighborhood over the past decade. Home to some of the city's most-booked restaurants and most-lauded retailers, the area has lacked—until recently—that hallmark of every trendy district: a boutique hotel.



After years of neglect, the 1899 Jackson Building needed stabilization, so ESG Architecture & Design and Greiner Construction took a "bottom-up" approach to the renovation.



"The owners' vision was that this would be a hotel that celebrated Minnesota, as well as the North Loop culture. We put a lot of personal pride into this project."

The vestibule is paved with tiles designed to recall the Hewing's two-tree logo; it's also lined with glass, allowing guests to absorb the visual energy of the space even before they reach the lobby.



Distinctive tile and brick patterns contribute to the Nordic-meets-North-Loop ambience.

But that changed last year with the opening of the Hewing, an upscale 124-room hotel infused with a heady mix of cool, contemporary Scandinavian design and Minnesota-made art, products, and memorabilia. "The owners' vision was that this would be a hotel that celebrated Minnesota, as well as the North Loop culture," says Steve Oakley, AIA, vice president at ESG Architecture & Design, the Minneapolis firm that designed the project for Aparium Hotel Group of Chicago and Fe Equus Development of Milwaukee. "That's our background, so as Minnesotans we put a lot of personal pride into this project."

The Hewing, at the corner of Washington and Third Avenue North, occupies a former farm-implement showroom and warehouse completed in 1899. Roughly 116,000 square feet in size, the building had been constructed in stages, creating odd intersections at some floor elevations. It eventually fell into disrepair, with only one tenant, a music school, leasing the first floor.

The architects worked closely with Minnesota's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to preserve the building's exposed brick and heavy timber framing. In the lobby, leather and wool elements counterbalance the industrial materials.



Visitors can sip cocktails from the cozy rooftop bar and drink in the dramatic view of downtown Minneapolis.



The rooftop amenities were designed to welcome travelers and provide a social hub for locals in equal measure.

But underneath the dust and cobwebs the new owners and ESG saw a structure full of character and potential. The brick exterior had unique window patterns on every level, and a forest of solid timber posts and beams populated the interior. “We like to work *with* the building—not against it—and embrace that era of construction and materials,” says Fe Equus owner Tim Dixon, whose firm made a splash with its 2008 conversion of a century-old warehouse in downtown Milwaukee into the luxury Iron Horse Hotel. “The building has endured for more than 115 years, and now it will live on for another 100 years.”

“We pulled back more than we added as the design process went on,” says Ann Fritz, ESG’s director of interiors. But two significant structural additions were made: A contemporary glass-walled atrium was thrust through the center of the building to bring light into the building’s interior and create visual connections between the floors, and a sixth floor was added on the rooftop, along with a deck, pool, sauna, and bar.



*Clockwise from above:
Private dining space adjacent
to Tullibee (the hotel's
restaurant); the rooftop pool
with deck seating; the Tullibee
bar with billiards table.*

Visitors entering the hotel pass through a vestibule paved with tiles designed to recall the Hewing's two-tree, chevron-like logo; it's also lined with glass, allowing guests to absorb the visual energy of the space even before they reach the lobby. Shelves that surround the fireplace in the lobby are filled with Minnesota-themed items, including books on Bob Dylan and Prince, vintage hockey gear, Faribault Woolen Mill blankets, pairs of deer antlers, and glass jugs from local dairy operations. Furniture throughout the space evokes a classic Northwoods cabin. "We only used genuine leather and real wood, so things will patina and age properly," says Fritz.

Opposite the reception desk is a full-service bar and restaurant. Lacquered tree trunks serve as cocktail tables, and a contemporary artist's take on a classic deer-head trophy peers out over the bar. The tables in the restaurant are constructed of planks that were

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THE HEWING

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Development, LLC

Architect:
ESG Architecture
& Design

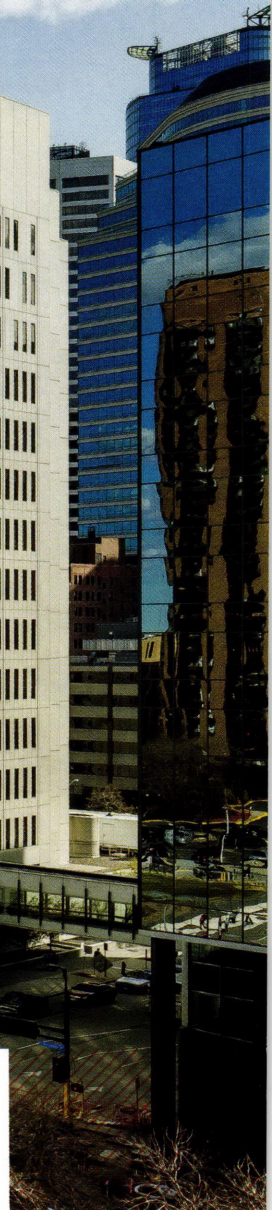
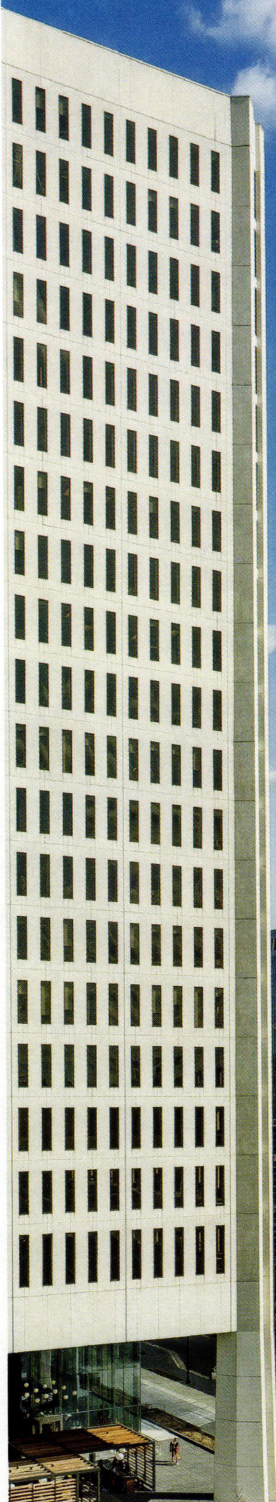
General contractor:
Greiner Construction

Size: 116,123 square feet

Cost: \$21.2 million

Completion:
November 2016

111 Washington Square, designed by BWBR, and 100 Washington Square (left), designed by Yamasaki & Associates, stand across the street from each other.



**111 WASHINGTON
AMENITIES FLOOR**

Client: Shorenstein

Architect:
ESG Architecture & Design

General contractor:
Adolfson & Peterson
Construction

Size: 7,070 square feet

Cost: \$1.1 million

Completion: February 2017

Photographer:
Brandon Stengel, Assoc.
AIA/Farm Kid Studios

111 WASHINGTON SQUARE

A private lounge for tenants

111 WASHINGTON, the third and final installment in the Washington Square campus, was designed by BWBR and completed in 1987. For many years, it was home to the Minneapolis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 2014, the 15-story tower was purchased by Shorenstein, which undertook a renovation of the third-floor tenant lounge to increase interest among prospective lessees.

ESG Architecture & Design was retained to create an upscale amenities lounge, restyling the 7,000-square-foot space as well as the adjoining outdoor patio. Communal work tables and a variety of seating options in an eclectic mix of styles fill the room, and unique light fixtures supplement the natural light that floods the space during the day. Artfully perforated white-metal panels hide structural columns while lending the environment a contemporary flavor. The designers also took advantage of the building's raised floors by carving out a "sunken" lounge area anchored by a fireplace faced with textured porcelain tiles. Tenants who need a quick snack but don't want to venture down to the skyway or street can stop by the lounge's grab-and-go food counter.

The design team created a room-within-a-room with an area that steps down to seating arranged around a modern fireplace.

"Minoru Yamasaki [the architect of two of the three Washington Square buildings] had a deep philosophical and artistic approach to his work," says Ronnie Ragoff, senior vice president, asset management, at Shorenstein. "We created amenities spaces in these buildings that are congruous to Yamasaki's philosophy and unmatched in the Minneapolis market." ●





An inviting mix of café and cocktail tables, lounge seating, and pool and ping-pong tables draws workers throughout the day.

100 WASHINGTON SQUARE

A contemporary cafeteria

COMPANY CAFETERIAS WERE COMMON IN SKYSCRAPER DESIGN IN 1981, the year that 100 Washington Square went up in downtown Minneapolis. Employees from Northwestern National Life, the insurance company that erected the building as an expansion to its nearby headquarters, flocked to the fourth floor on coffee breaks and at lunchtime to get a cup of Sanka or dine on whatever was warming under the heat lamps.

By 2014, when San Francisco-based real estate investor Shorenstein acquired the tower, the space had lost its luster. Yet rather than convert the dated space into square footage for more offices and cubicles, the new owner chose to hire ESG Architecture & Design—whose own headquarters is also located on Washington Avenue—to transform the space. Drab acoustic tiles and worn carpeting were stripped out with an eye to maximizing the open floor plan and ceiling heights. “We were fortunate to have a building that already had great bones,” says ESG vice president Nate Enger. “This project was really about exposing all that.”

ESG gave the space a colorful, contemporary feel, using frosted glass, plane-sawn oak panels, and floor coverings made of triangular heat-fused plastic panels in bright blue, yellow, and gray. Five-globe brass chandeliers were hung in the dining area, and half the space was converted into a lounge with area rugs, standing lamps, comfortable furniture, and even pool and ping-pong tables.

Accessible to tenants even after the cafeteria closes, the space is multifunctional. “We took it from a room that could be used eight hours a day to a space that can be enjoyed 24 hours a day,” says Enger. ●



Distinctive overhead light fixtures are a standout feature of the space.



100 WASHINGTON AMENITIES FLOOR

Client: Shorenstein
Architect:
ESG Architecture & Design

General contractor:
Greiner Construction
Size: 18,000 square feet
Cost: \$700,000

Completion: December 2015
Photographer:
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CODE 42

Tech chic

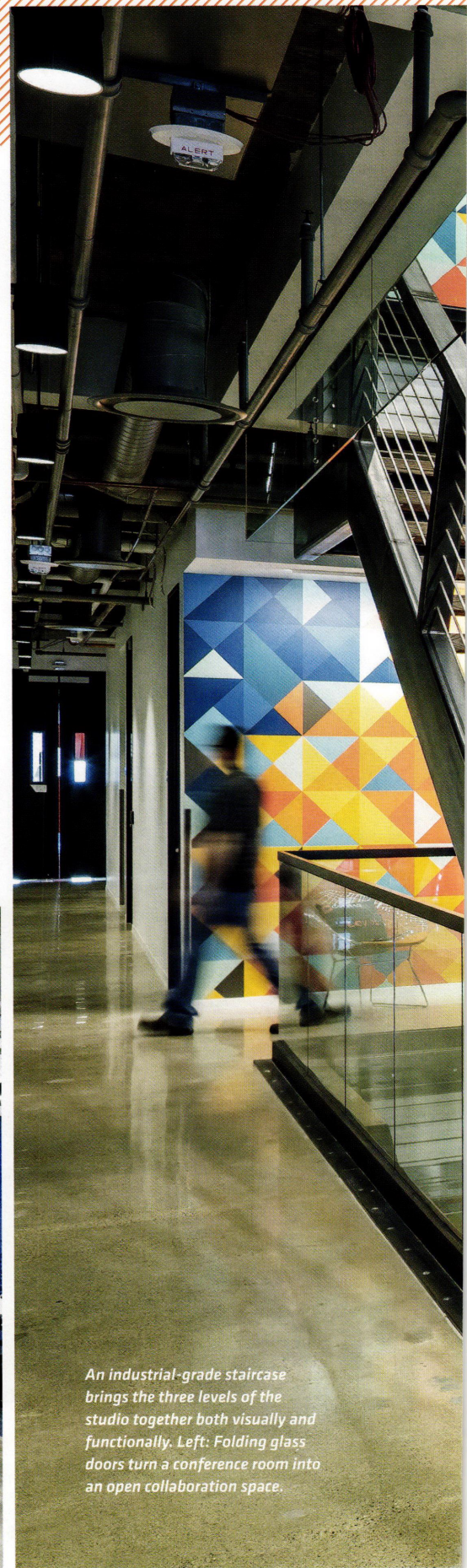
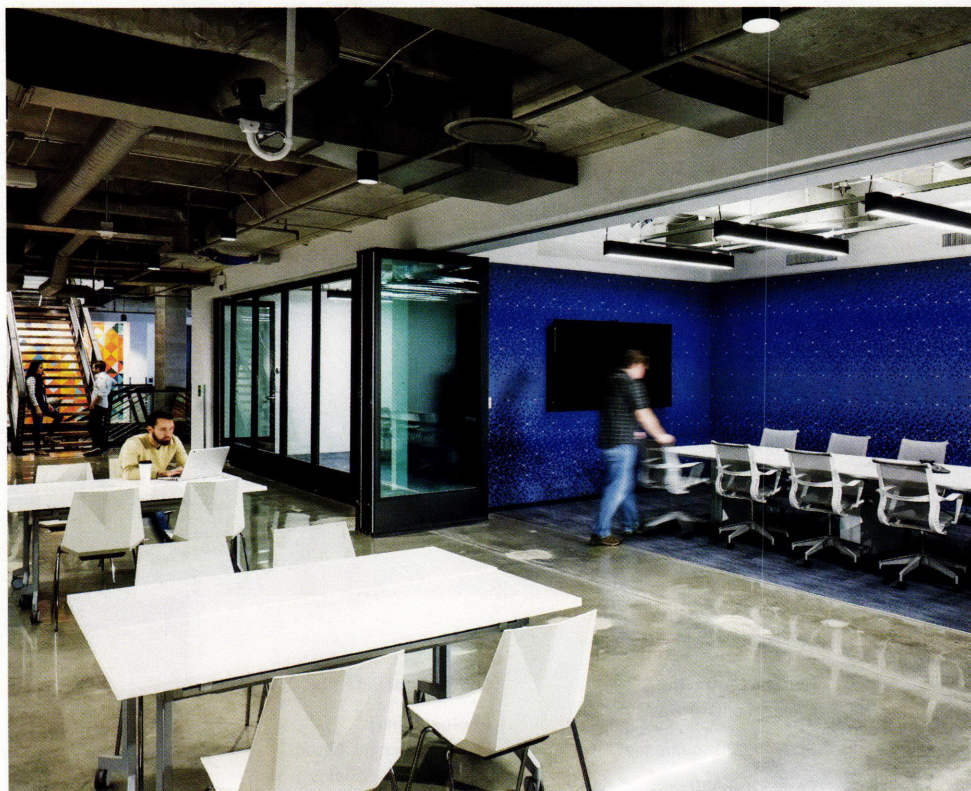
COLLABORATION IS KEY TO TECHNOLOGY WORK. So when Code 42, a global tech company whose Minneapolis employees were spread across eight suites in a complex in St. Anthony Main, had the chance to consolidate its 450-person workforce in a single location, its managers grasped the opportunity.

In February, the company took up residence on two and a half floors of the Yamasaki & Associates–designed 100 Washington Square, having retained Eastlake Studio and ESG Architecture & Design to redesign the 60,000-square-foot space. “We wanted a place where employees could work at their desk, in the break room, in a beanbag chair—whatever made them comfortable and boosted their ability to be creative and collaborative,” says Code 42 facilities manager Jon Gambill.

Visitors arriving via the elevator step into a lobby clad in wood planks, its floor emblazoned with the company’s logo. Glass doors lead to a reception area and a glassed-in conference room wired for teleconferences and decorated with printed-fabric wall coverings.

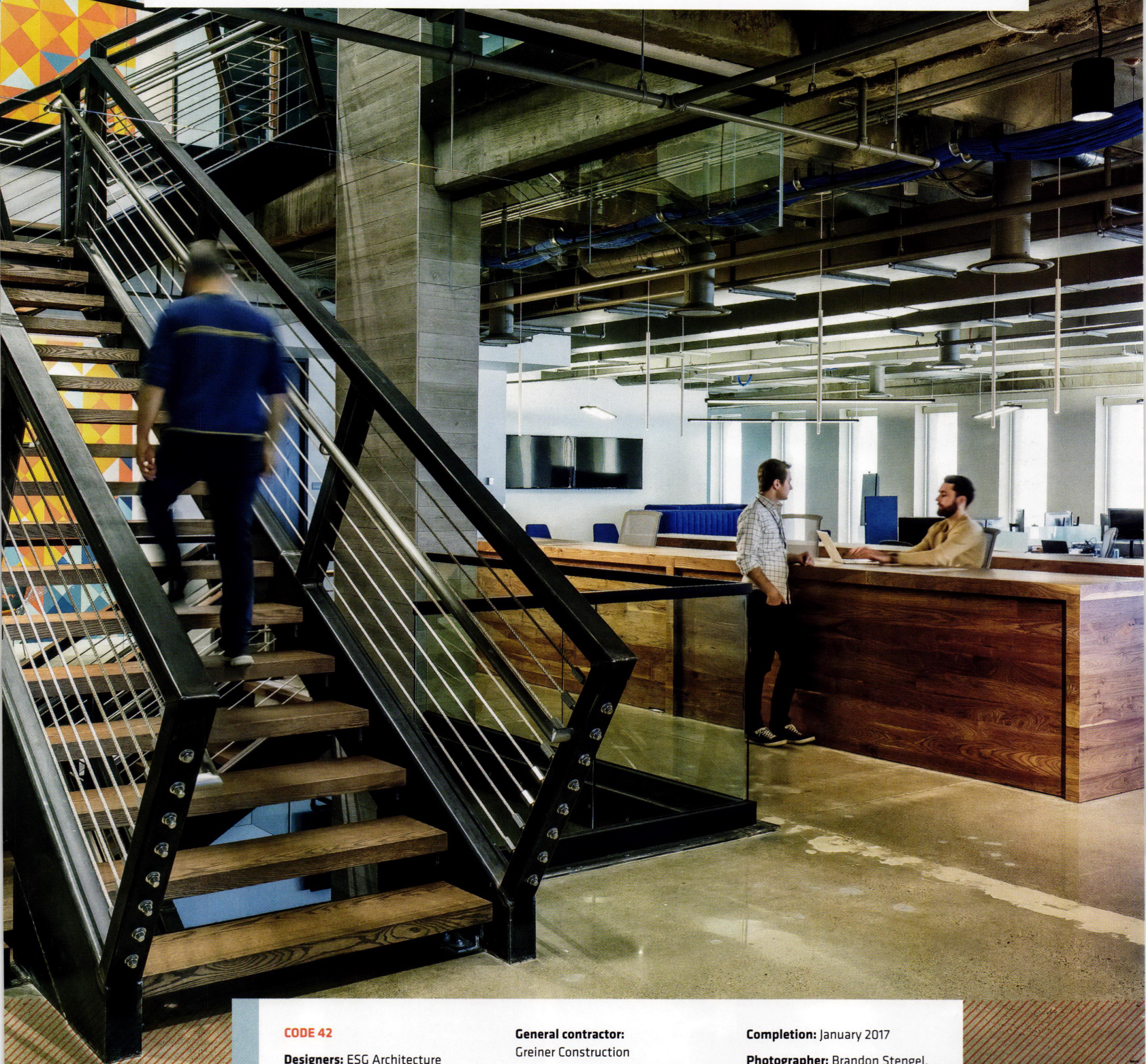
But at the center of the design, led by principals Nate Enger of ESG and Tom Zurowski, AIA, of Eastlake Studio, is an open, three-story, welded-steel stairway that cuts through two of the building’s floor plates. Rather than using elevators, employees walk up to reach the coffee station on the top level or head down to reach the conference room/lunchroom on the lowest floor. Lounge spaces and key resources, including a help desk lined with reclaimed walnut planks, are clustered around the stairwell.

“The stairway connects people in a way I didn’t fully expect,” says Gambill. “Overall, our collaboration is now through the roof.” ●



An industrial-grade staircase brings the three levels of the studio together both visually and functionally. Left: Folding glass doors turn a conference room into an open collaboration space.

"We wanted a place where employees could work at their desk, in the break room, in a beanbag chair—whatever made them comfortable and boosted their ability to be creative and collaborative."



CODE 42

Designers: ESG Architecture
& Design; Eastlake Studio

General contractor:
Greiner Construction

Size: 65,000 square feet

Cost: \$5.2 million

Completion: January 2017

Photographer: Brandon Stengel,
Assoc. AIA/Farm Kid Studios

The Millwright's centerpiece is a tiered, hickory-floored lobby that steps down to the lower level, with informal seating for presentations, meeting with a coworker, or just taking a break.





Above: Brick from the exterior carries into the lobby. Opposite, bottom: Main-floor workstations enjoy light from broad, tall windows and library lamps made of rebar, and a meeting space is clad in yellow-painted metal in the manner of a construction-site toolbox.



The reception area in the Ryan Companies headquarters charts the firm's 79-year history.

MILLWRIGHT BUILDING

The newest "old" building in town

MINNEAPOLIS' EAST TOWN COMMONS, the new two-block park that stretches out in front of U.S. Bank Stadium, was developed by Ryan Companies. And several of the new buildings surrounding the green space—including two Wells Fargo towers, a Radisson RED hotel, and a parking garage—are Ryan projects. So it's not surprising that the firm wanted to move into the neighborhood.

Ryan relocated from its central downtown location this past spring, setting up shop in the new Millwright Building, a 172,000-square-foot facility that the company designed, built, manages, and now inhabits. "It's great for telling our story," says Mike Ryan, AIA, president of Ryan A+E. "We can walk out our front door with customers and point to projects we've worked on."

The four-story Millwright fills half of a city block, standing adjacent to one of the two 17-story Wells Fargo buildings. It's clad in thin-brick precast panels and accented with steel, exposed fasteners, and divided-light windows; a series of broad arches along the Third Street facade completes the building's turn-of-the-century look. "It's new construction, but we had a lot of contractors come into the space and say, 'We're so glad you were able to rehab this building and keep it from being demolished,'" says Josh Ekstrand, AIA, Ryan's director of design.

The historic-looking exterior also serves to link the building visually with the Mill District to the north, says Mike Ryan. The entry tower at the northeast corner of the building overlooks a cobble plaza and a bike path that connects the Commons and the iconic Stone Arch Bridge. Portland Avenue, technically a county highway, became a cycling route as the area transformed.



MILLWRIGHT BUILDING

Client: Ryan Companies US, Inc.

Architect: Ryan A+E, Inc.

Energy modeling:
Michaud Cooley Erickson

General contractor:
Ryan Companies US, Inc.

Size: 172,000 square feet

Cost: \$27 million

Completion: April 2017

Photographer: Paul Crosby



The Northwoods-themed lounge on the lower level is anything but dark and cramped. Right: The four-story building helps transition the neighborhood from the taller Wells Fargo towers to the south to the historic Mill District structures to the north.



Ryan Companies is the building's primary tenant, occupying the main level, mezzanine, and lower level. (The latter has a much smaller footprint.) But all tenants have access to the Millwright's centerpiece: a tiered, hickory-floored lobby that steps down to the lower level, with informal seating for presentations, meeting with a coworker, or just taking a break. A bike storage area and the hall to an underground passage to the neighboring Wells Fargo tower are easily seen from the entry.

Polished concrete floors, 18-foot-high ceilings, and exposed ventilation create an airy industrial atmosphere on the main level. Eye-catching, construction-themed features include oversize library lamps made of rebar, a wall festooned with shovels and helmets, and a small group space housed in what resembles a giant yellow gang box (a large toolbox typically found on commercial construction sites). Conference rooms are named after notable Ryan projects, and a vintage Ryan Companies pickup truck is parked in the reception area.

"All of that is part of our culture," says Mike Ryan. "But we never put it on display before. The soul of the place is measurably different than that of our old space."

An open lounge area on the lower level, as well as booths and other small-group workspaces throughout the office, encourage staff interaction. "You can look up and see someone across the floor plate and know they're at their desk," says Ashley Wurster, Ryan's director of interior design. "Before we had so many physical barriers. Here we have no excuse not to be collaborating."

"We wanted quality you can feel," adds Mike Ryan. "It couldn't look ostentatious, stately, or overspent. At the same time, we wanted the space to feel sophisticated and thoughtful. We wanted to demonstrate the value we deliver. This space speaks to what we do." ●

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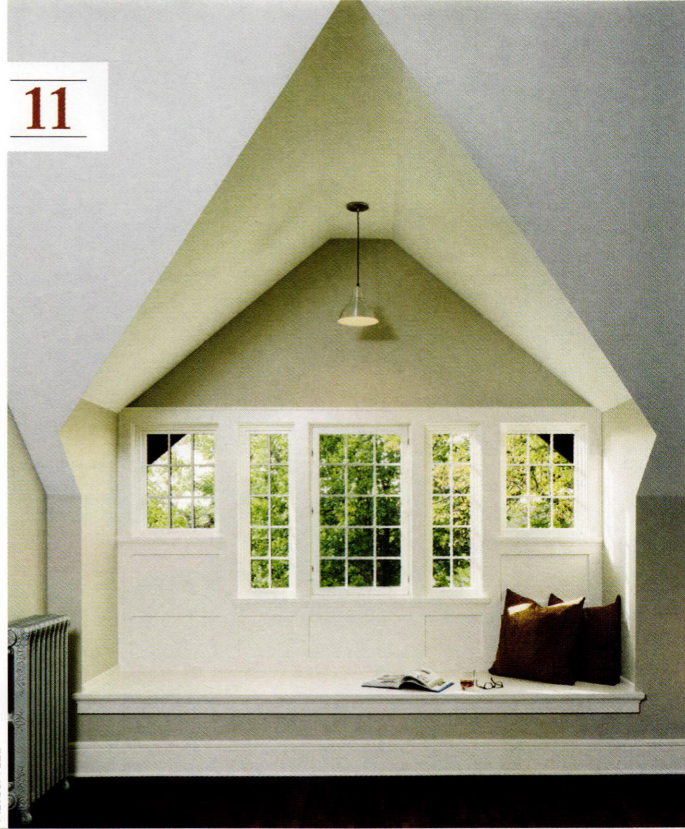
From Lake Minnetonka to Little Carnelian Lake in Stillwater, the 17 architect-designed homes come in a wide range of sizes, styles, and settings, and tour-goers can speak with the architect at each stop.

New this year? A chance to walk through the Hex House, a highly sustainable, rapidly deployable, disaster-relief shelter designed by a nonprofit architecture collective with a local connection (#14).



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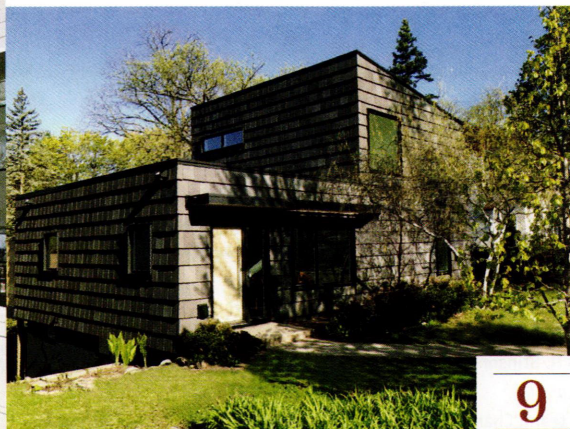


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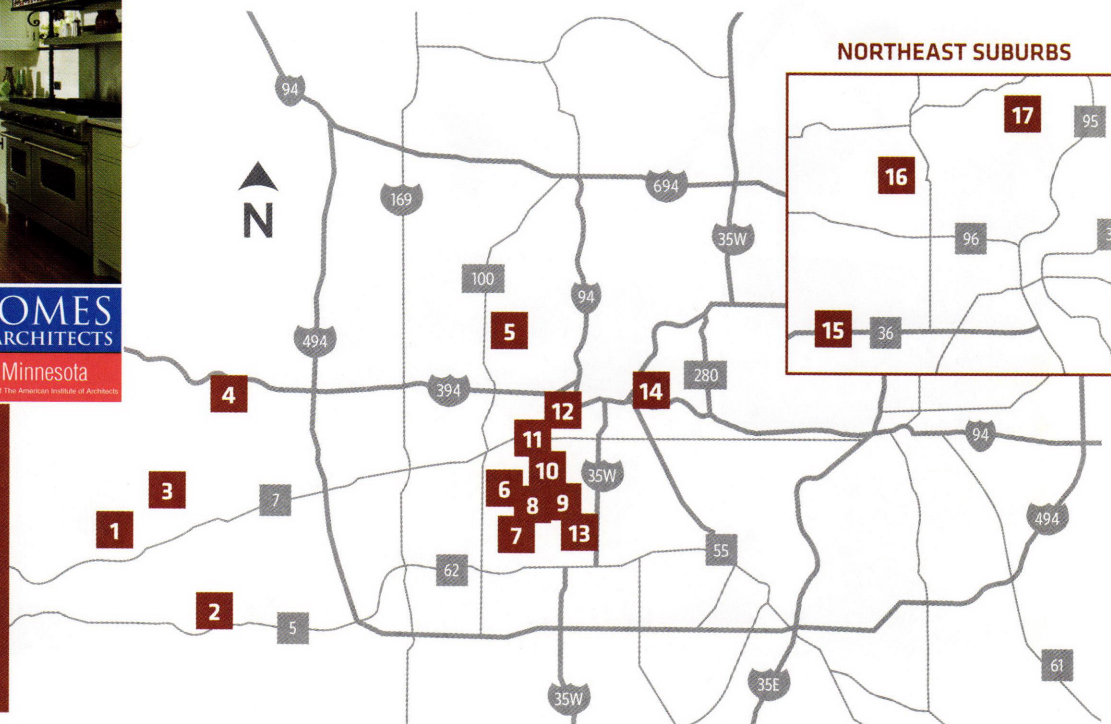
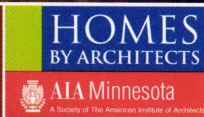
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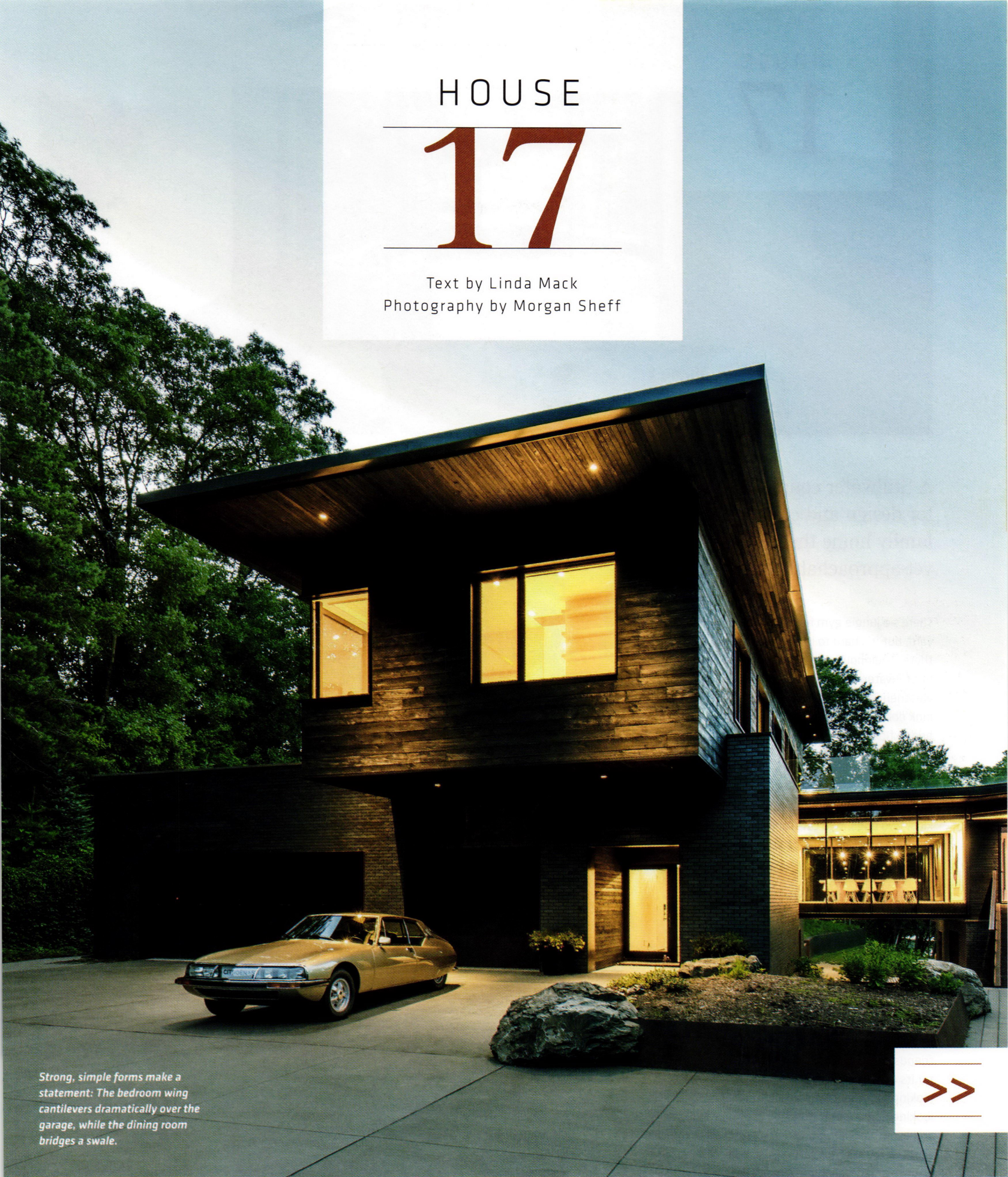
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Strong, simple forms make a statement: The bedroom wing cantilevers dramatically over the garage, while the dining room bridges a swale.



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A Stillwater couple with a passion for design and creativity build a family home that's sophisticated yet approachable, lively, and open

There's a jungle gym in Josh and Trish Hanson's yard, but it's hard to imagine their children play there. Their house on Little Carnelian Lake, north of Stillwater, is full of architectural creativity. A weathering steel walkway slopes up to a faded pink door. The dining room occupies a glass bridge floating over a swale. Green roofs slant up from the black steel structure to punctuate the Minnesota sky.

"The house is close to museum quality, but four kids, two dogs, two cats, and several stingrays live here!" says architect Katherine Hillbrand, AIA, of SALA Architects.

The secret to the sophisticated sense of fun is undoubtedly Josh Hanson, whose business, WORKSHOP, designs marketing campaigns and consumer spaces for brands around the world. "He literally would sketch with us," says Hillbrand. "He allowed us to do things we'd never had the opportunity to do before."

In his younger years, Hanson spent time with friends swimming in the lake, which is known for its clear water. So when he and Trish started looking for property on which to build a "forward-looking house," they drove by the site many times and eventually bought it. They found Hillbrand through SALA's Stillwater office and started an intense and detailed design process.



SHADOW BOX

Location: Stillwater, Minnesota

Clients: Josh and Trish Hanson

Architect: SALA Architects, Inc.
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Principal-in-charge:

Katherine Hillbrand, AIA

Project lead designers: Katherine Hillbrand, AIA; Chris Meyer, AIA


Energy modeling: Katie Leaf, Assoc, AIA; Marc Slood, AIA

Landscape architect: LHB, Inc.
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General contractor:
Choice Wood Company

Size: 7,348 square feet

Completion: July 2015

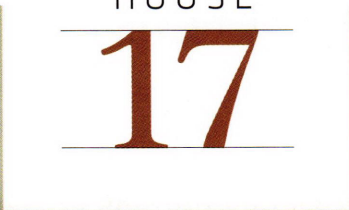


A three-story wing clad in Endicott brick and durable Shou Sugi Ban charred cedar anchors the house. A slender living wing containing the glass dining room pierces the taller wing, its black steel roof sloping up to the east.

The wood-screened sitting room juts out toward the lake, while the dining-room bridge links to the taller kitchen/bedroom wing. The library and a deck snuggle into the hillside.

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They wanted a house that made a design statement—that married art and function, says Hillbrand. And so it does.

A three-story wing clad in Endicott brick and durable Shou Sugi Ban charred cedar anchors the house. A slender living wing containing the glass dining room pierces the taller wing, its black steel roof sloping up to the east. “We wanted the house to be dark,” says Hillbrand. “If you make the structure dark and recessive, it allows what’s around it to pop.”

Inside, in contrast, walls are white, stair railings are glass, and curtain wall opens the living spaces to the verdant surroundings. “The contrast makes it more refreshing,” says Hillbrand.

In the dining room, the curtain wall extends below the floor, accentuating the feeling of floating. “This is definitely the heart of the house,” says Hanson.

It’s also the pivot between the social spaces (a sunken sitting room with walls extending out to focus the view on the lake, and a small living room with a high, sloping ceiling and a steel-and-black-brick hearth) and the private spaces (the

The kids love the kitchen’s square table with built-in bench seating. Above: The living room steps out onto a narrow deck through a series of sliding doors.





The curtain wall in the sitting room is pulled back to focus the view on the lake.

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generous kitchen with an “every meal” nook, a cozy, contemporary library focused on an Italian mirror and French-style mantelpiece, and the bedroom wing). “We didn’t want to make any room that wasn’t used,” says Hanson.

A three-story stairway with perfectly detailed glass railings and a translucent roof connects the lower-level lounge and second-story bedrooms. The minimalist master with its marble bathroom and built-in closets occupies the corner overlooking the lake and the larger green roof. The three girls’ rooms line up almost like a bunk room; they are small but cool, each with a daybed or hanging chair, built-in closet, small skylight over the entry, and translucent door (so the parents know when lights are out).

The girls all picked their own wallpaper, and it’s clear their parents’ design genes were passed on.

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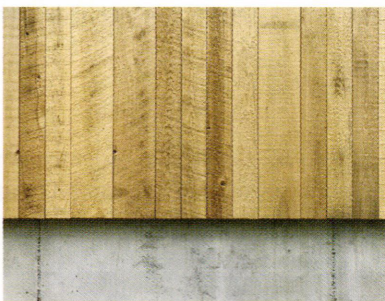
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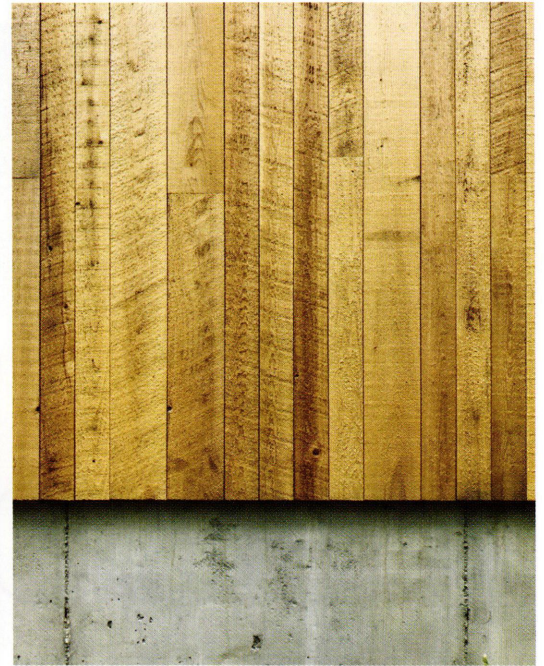
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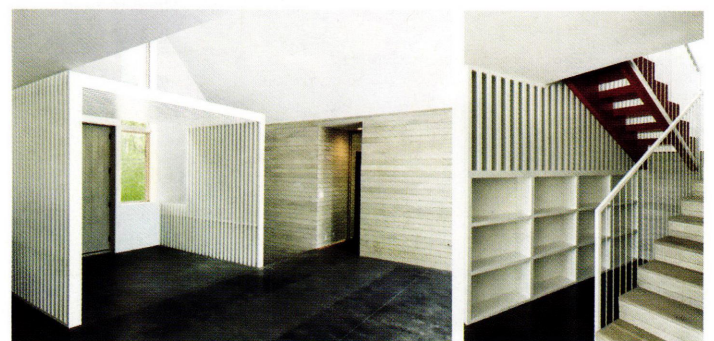
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— Jutta E., homeowner

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WHAT WE DO BEST

Our most successful projects stem from clients who enthusiastically share their project dreams and are eager to find a solution that is creatively functional, financially attainable, and utterly personal.

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APPROACH TO DESIGN

Our approach to design always has proportion and scale at the helm, promoting beauty in simplicity. Whether designing a brand new structure or a remodeling, we do this by interpreting our clients functional desires into thoughtful layouts and aesthetically engaging solutions. By carefully studying the sites advantages, daylight, views, circulation patterns, we methodically render spaces that are valued and enhance lifestyles.

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OUR APPROACH TO CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS

Working with our clients is one of the most exciting and rewarding aspects of each project. Our clients are entrepreneurs, artists, art collectors, designers, world travelers, and other intriguing individuals who appreciate great design and have a vision for how they want to live. Our collaborative planning process is designed to capture our clients' thoughts and ideas, so that together, we can create a home that brings their story to life.

WHAT WE DO BEST

Whether by happenstance or design, many of our clients share our passion for oceans, lakes, and rivers. Our portfolio includes organic modern homes in Minnesota, California, Costa Rica, New York, and other destinations. While each P/K project is as unique as the homeowners, our work is always guided by a respect for the environment, an understanding of how a home should relate to its surroundings, and our commitment to exceptional design and enduring quality.

APPROACH TO DESIGN

We view ourselves and our clients as stewards of the home and the land. Using light, space, line, and form, we respond to the site to create an environment for living for the next hundred years. From small-scale renovations to luxurious, LEED-certified new homes, we integrate sustainable design practices into every project, finding solutions that merge environmental thinking with exceptional design.



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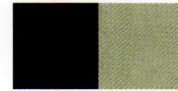
We provide a full range of design services from conception through the final punch list, partnering with our clients throughout the process. Our design-focused projects include modest renovations, substantial additions, and grand new houses.

APPROACH TO DESIGN

Our design style is refined, energetic, and engaging. We bring warmth to modernism and a fresh eye to traditional design. We engage the whole team—builder, interior designer, craftspeople, and landscape architect—to draw on the knowledge and skill of each, ultimately bringing together a whole that is more than the sum of its parts.

WHAT WE DO BEST

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We incorporate time-tested approaches to sustainable design such as orienting to the sun, promoting cross-ventilation, and providing protection from the elements. As budgets allow, we also integrate more technical solutions such as solar panels, and geo-thermal heating systems to provide on-site generation of energy.

"At SALA, we believe architecture is more than designing shelter, our practice is about nurturing the relationship between people and the environment."

ABOUT US

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WHAT WE DO BEST

We provide informed design solutions to people and organizations that possess a true appreciation of the value of great design. People we team with tend to be **wildly independent** individuals who have **bold** vision and strong opinions. Through design we explore, research and implement sustainable solutions to make positive impact in the world and to ensure that design is accessible to all ages and abilities. We embrace design challenges that change lives, create unique experiences and reflect the values of the people who live and work there.



APPROACH TO DESIGN

Our clients' needs and desires are the engine of our design process. With their in-depth input our process delivers homes that encourage family interaction, bring people together and ignite the imagination. Through thoughtful design we promote environmental responsibility while improving, not compromising, personal comforts. Great design incorporates barrier free access, improves indoor air quality, promotes an active and healthy lifestyle, and offers time saving solutions.

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PROCESS

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WHAT SKD DOES BEST

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with brown corrugated sheet and they figured they should build something with it?" Assigning partial blame to the City of Minneapolis' design guidelines, Thomas Fisher, then dean of the University of Minnesota's College of Design, wrote a newspaper editorial in 2015 decrying the "cluttered patchworks of metal, brick, stone, and glass, as if concocted by a number of collage artists." Fisher didn't mean that as a compliment, but his evocation of a spectral collective of materials-crazed artists throwing up whatever construction-site junk they could get their hands on is instructive. Initially, it was artists, doing just that.

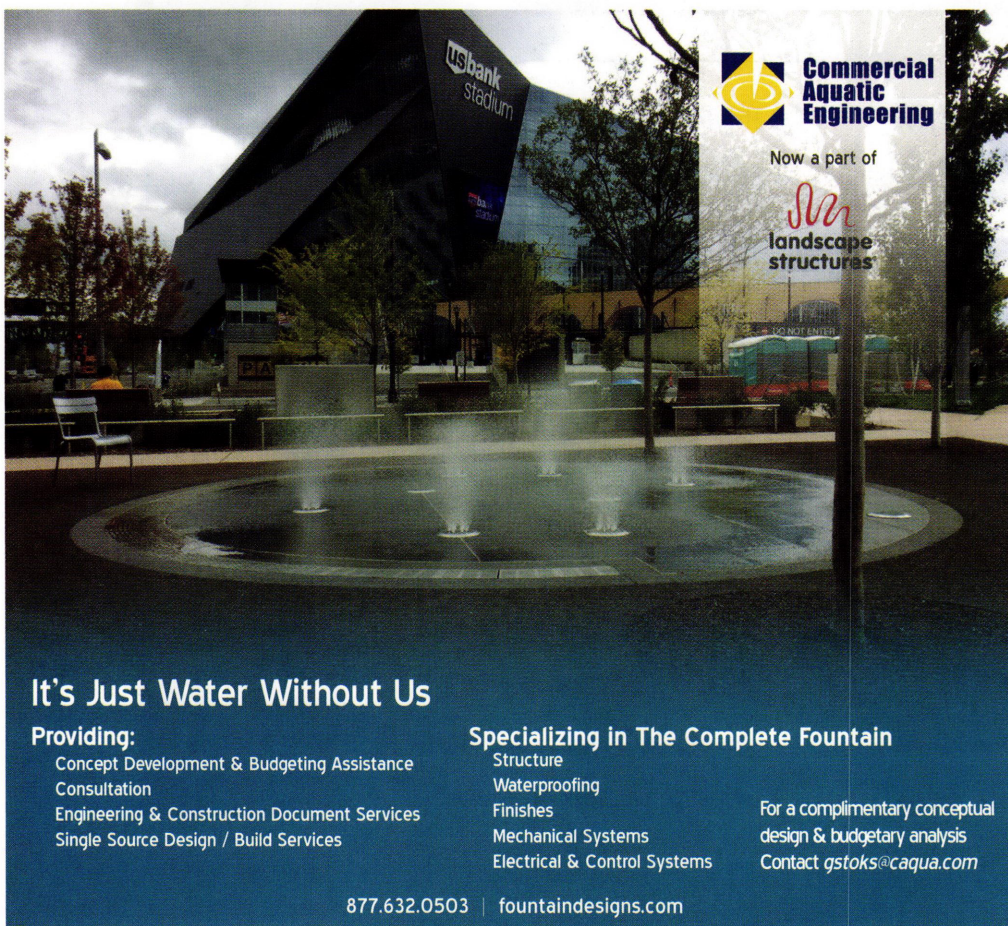
CRADLE OF THE CRAZE

This trend is not specifically a Minnesota phenomenon—you see it in cities all over the U.S.—and neither are these critiques. But returning to Gehry's landmark museum on the Mississippi River and his architecture career as a whole may give some insights into how corrugated metal went from avant-garde eccentricity to developer cliché in the space of 30 years. As with many of these origin stories in American culture, we can locate the earliest stirrings in Southern California.

Before Gehry was the signature starchitect of the era, he was just another young sculptor knocking around the Southern California art scene in the 1960s. The Los Angeles art scene was distinct from the elite New York scene of the same time: less snobby, more egalitarian, more likely to draw on the American vernacular in both content and form. Think of Ed Ruscha's gas stations, stretching off into infinity on an endless concrete and steel freeway. An early Gehry collaborator was the Angeleno sculptor and painter Billy Al Bengston, whose interest in motorcycles and the automotive culture of California manifested itself in artworks incorporating banged-up hunks of steel; in an early sculpture, he depicted himself on a motorcycle, bedecked in a racing jumpsuit and looking ready to jump through a flaming hoop. It wasn't all show—Bengston really did race motorcycles semi-professionally.

He and Gehry collaborated on a Los Angeles County Museum of Art retrospective of Bengston's work in 1968—Gehry built the

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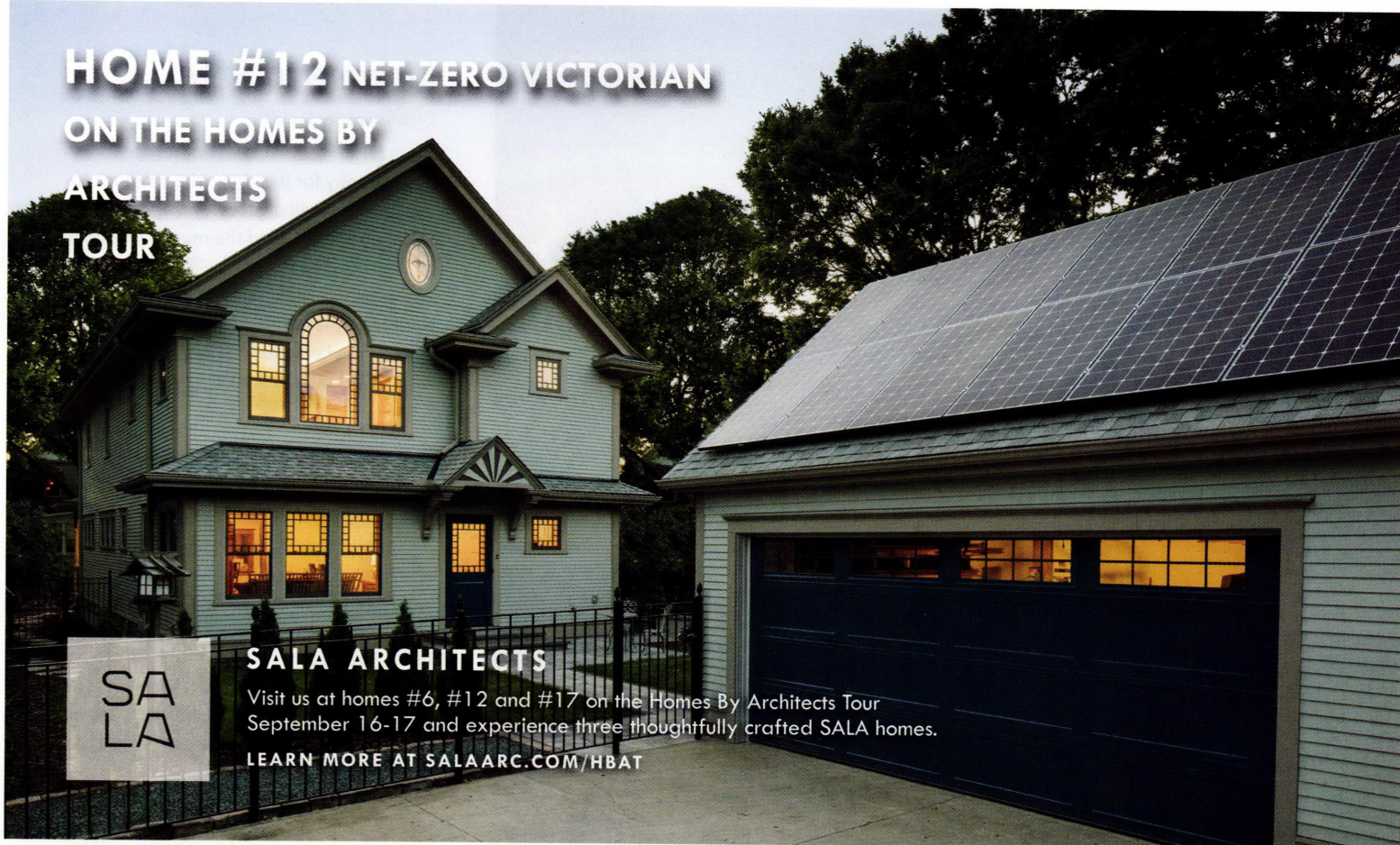
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scenography for the show, the entrance to which was a wall of stark, corrugated-steel forms salvaged from around the museum's storage facilities and nearby sites. "They didn't have any money to do anything new, and I said we would use the old materials," Gehry later recalled. "I guess maybe I told them we'd paint it, but then when it got up it looked so great that we kept it up."

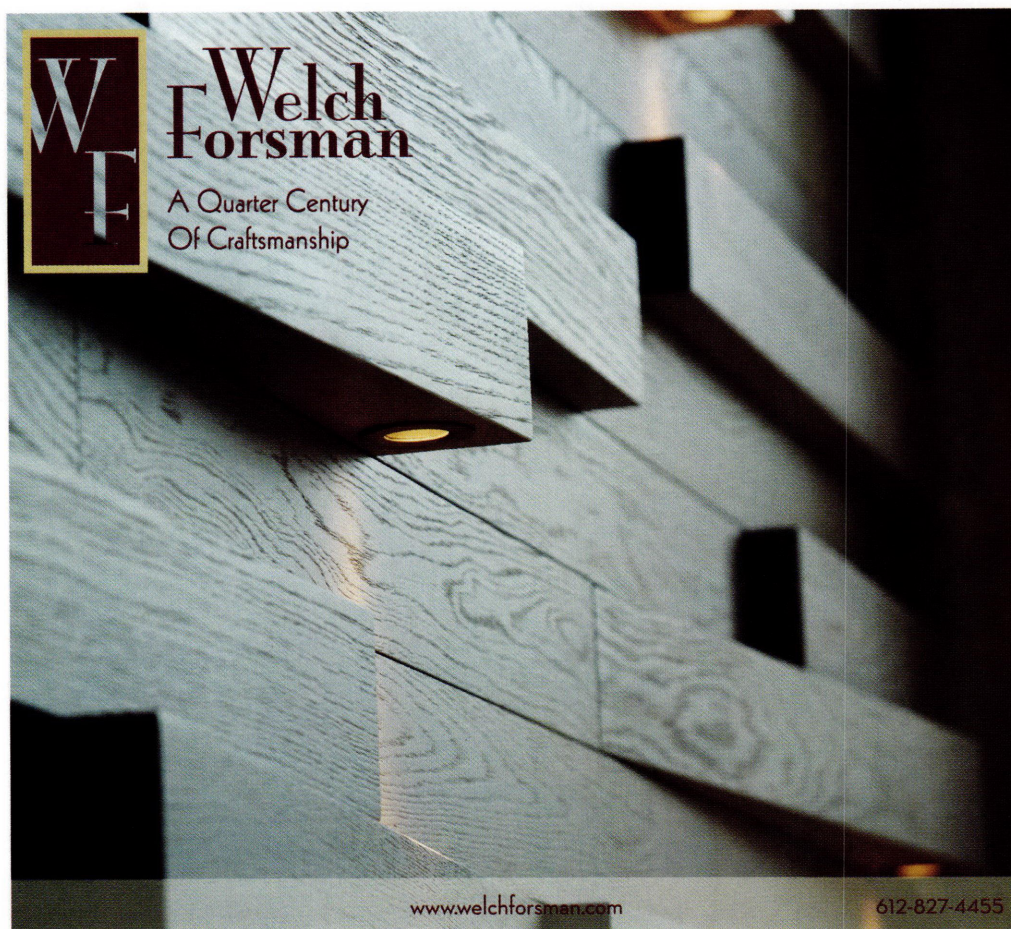
As Gehry became more involved in architecture, he made it a point to use salvaged materials, including steel. A major professional (and personal) project that gained him some early attention in the 1970s was his own bungalow in Santa Monica, which he had clad in corrugated aluminum, using materials that were "part of the vocabulary" of the landscape of Southern California, as he wrote later. It was, echoing Fisher's suggestion in his editorial, a type of Rauschenberg-like collage using found materials.

RENDERINGS AND REALITY

Corrugated metal has long had an outlier role in American residential architecture. Before World War II, it was used occasionally, but when cheap, rust-resistant, dent-resistant, and generally indestructible vinyl siding became the norm in the 1950s, corrugated metal was relegated exclusively to the least glamorous varieties of industrial architecture. Even as the material's popularity has increased in recent decades, and metal has become more viable economically, neighbors will still occasionally sneer: Back in the 1970s, Gehry's house was referred to as a "Tijuana sausage factory" and a chicken coop, but even a recent feature in the *New York Times* on stylish new corrugated-metal residential structures in Brooklyn suggested comparisons to sardine cans and giant refrigerators. The industrial stigma is hard to shake.

Which is perhaps why artists and young architects were initially drawn to metal: It's reasonably cheap, it can be recycled, and it strikes a blow against the airy glass *nowhere* of international modernism by reflecting the gritty *somewhere* of the urban landscape. As is often the case, it's when the material acquires a patina of artiness that it starts to trickle back into the mainstream. By the late 1990s, the corrugated-

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steel decorating the interior of a new burrito joint called Chipotle in Minneapolis' Stadium Village was noteworthy enough to prompt *Star Tribune* restaurant critic Rick Nelson to wonder if the chain's funky aesthetic was echoing the influence of—yes, you guessed it—the nearby Weisman Art Museum.

I called Thomas Meyer, FAIA, of MSR Design in Minneapolis for some further insights from someone working in the field. He suggested that some of that arty frisson made its way into the conversation via the rise of computer-generated renderings: In a digital architectural rendering, those corrugated panels look, to use a nontechnical term, really cool. "If you're an architect and you're presenting a proposal to a planning commission or community group, I think you're likely to get more flak about a design being boring and monolithic than having lots of color and variety," said Meyer. "It may be harder to convey the design quality of a masonry building, or a conservative building design. But if you have lots of materials and color, and in the renderings you have kids and trees, it just looks like a vibrant place." There's an instantly lived-in quality to metal.

There's an alchemical quality at work here, in the sense of taking base metals and turning them into gold. Corrugated metal echoes vernacular construction, familiar to anyone who grew up in a landscape of train sheds, pole barns, and grain silos. Those student rentals lining Washington Avenue near the Weisman use corrugated metal as a way of positioning themselves just slightly ahead of the curve. It's a building pointing out its own chicness, and gesturing to a former landscape of 20th-century griminess that's been transformed into a type of consumer luxury good.

All of those pole barns and train sheds were built with corrugated metal for a particular reason, though: not to develop a chic, post-industrial patina, but to be inexpensive, easy to build, and durable. The metal ages over time, but not in the way something like brick ages. What looks glossy and exciting today may look dumpy in 50 or 20 years—or even fewer. "If buildings are industrial, we accept a little funky wear and tear over time," Meyer told me. "If it's where we live, though, that might be a challenge." **AMN**

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The Hewing

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removed from the building to make way for the atrium. A pool table, wingback chairs, and plush rugs fill the bar area, while a banquette runs along the Washington Avenue-side windows. "Every time I'm here, the furniture is in a different spot, which means people are doing what they're supposed to do: moving it around and making it their own," says Fritz.

In addition to the public spaces, the hotel's amenities include conference spaces, a junior ballroom, two private dining rooms, and a spa and fitness facility. The Hewing logo is subtly woven into artwork and fixtures used throughout the hotel. The hand-blown glass bulbs in the atrium were each produced by a different glass artist, and several of the Hewing's raindrop-shaped pendants are tinted purple, in homage to Minnesota's late, beloved Prince.

Guest rooms fill floors two through five, and the building's quirky layout necessitated a unique configuration for each room—a design challenge. On the fifth floor, for example, adherence to preservation standards resulted in windows that were eight feet above the floor. ESG responded with a handful of "lofted" bedrooms with views out of the high windows.

The fixtures, furnishings, and equipment in each room are contemporary, Nordic, and stylish. Wallpaper patterns recall the decorative brick patterns on the building's exterior, and a wood-handled hatchet hangs in each bathroom—a winking reference to the practice of felling trees and hewing them into rough timbers.

Only guests and members of the hotel's social club have access to the sixth floor and roof deck, open year-round. In summer, visitors can sip cocktails from the cozy bar and drink in the dramatic view of downtown Minneapolis. In winter, they can dash from the 24-person sauna into the pint-sized heated pool—reminiscent of the Scandinavian practice of diving into an icy lake after a good sweat.

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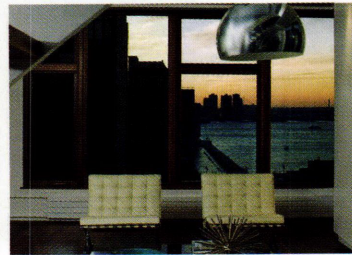
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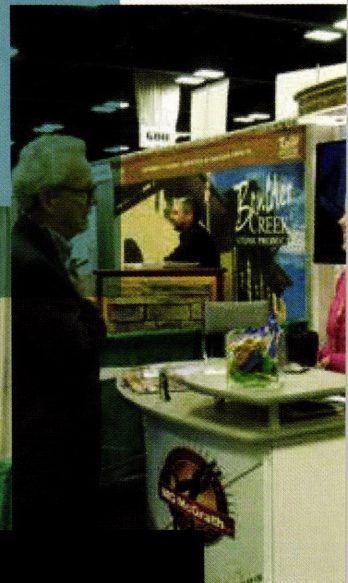
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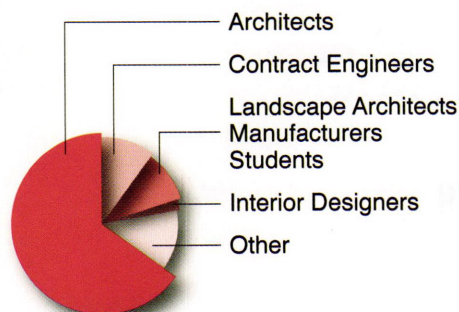
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During design, the Hansons learned they were expecting a baby boy, so the bedroom wing was lengthened to add another bedroom and bath. It cantilevers 10 feet over the garage below, with the roof extending an additional seven feet. The roof is lined with solar panels, which supply 100 percent of the electricity needed for the house and electric car in summer, and 50 percent of the electricity needed year-round.

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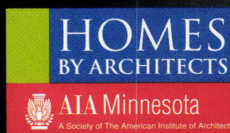


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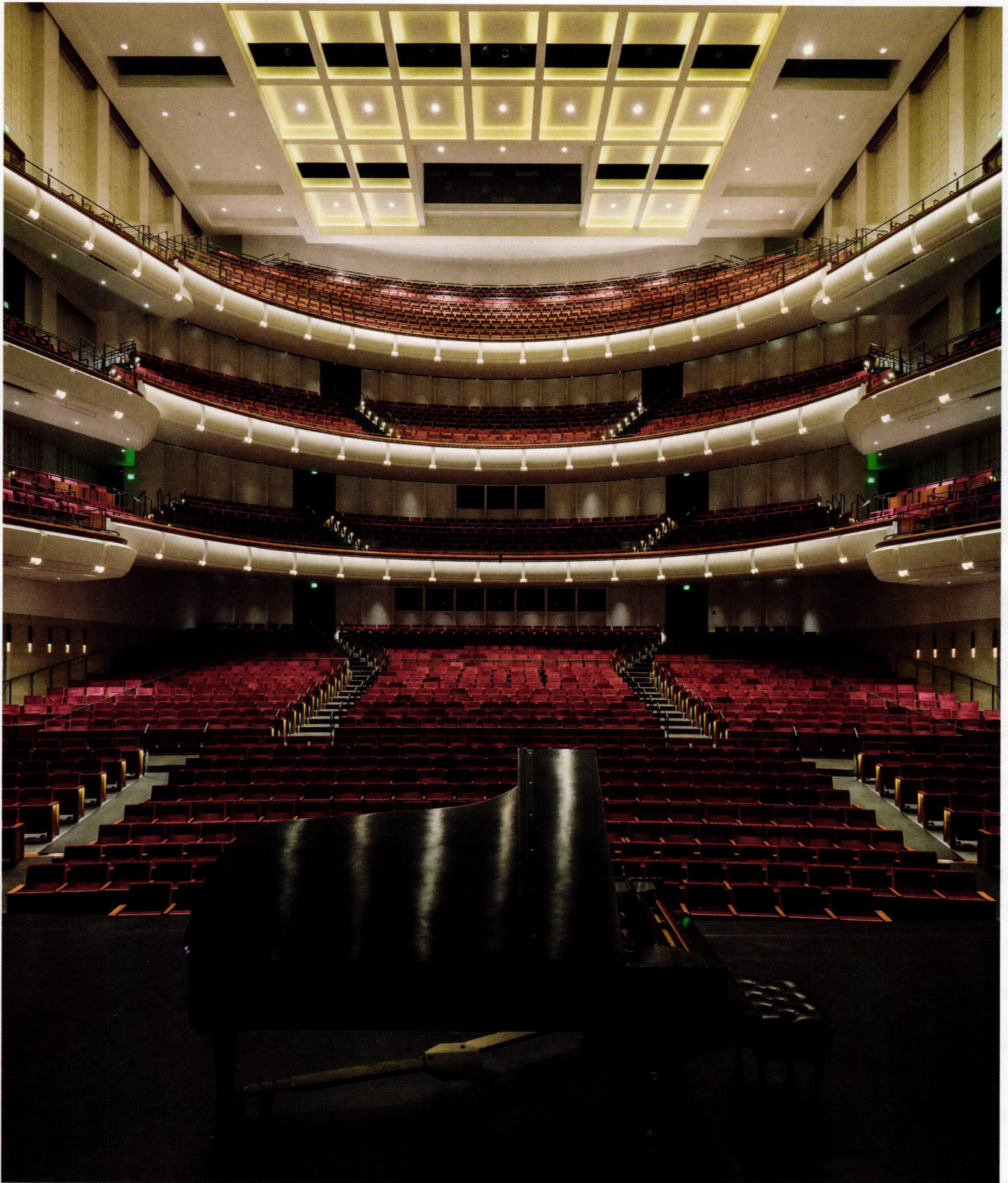
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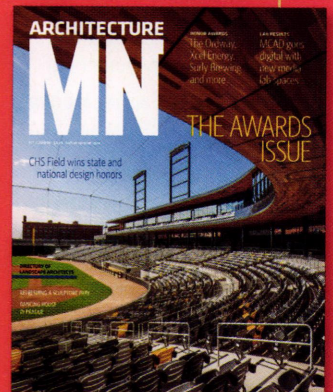
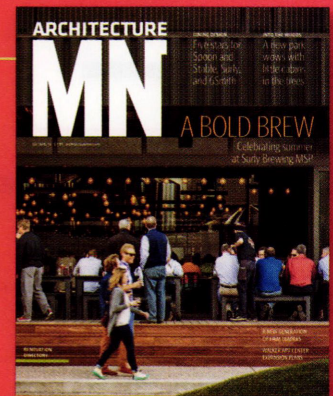
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Cargill Headquarters Remodel, Wayzata, MN; Millwright & Ryan Companies Headquarters, Minneapolis, MN; TÜV-SÜD, New Brighton, MN; MN Energy Resources, Rosemount, MN; University of St Thomas Facility Design Center Remodel, St Paul, MN; Grand Living Senior Living Community, Jacksonville, FL; Clarendale Senior Living Community, Bellevue, TN; CVM Cardiovascular Medicine, Moline, IL

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Land O'Lakes/FLM+

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Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Client: Land O'Lakes
 Architect: Perkins+Will
 Principal-in-charge: Lisa Pool
 Project lead designer: Anne Smith
 Project manager: Russell Philstrom, AIA
 Project architect: David Dimond, FAIA
 Project team: Jamey Berg (designer); Kathryn Watson (technical support); Melissa Rasmussen (technical support); Brian Weatherford (branded environments); Cary Lancaster (branded environments); Darrin Klejeski (technical director)
 Mechanical and electrical engineer: Michaud Cooley Erickson
 Lighting designer: Pulse Products
 Interior designer: Perkins+Will
 General contractor: Gardner Builders
 Wood flooring: Schaefer Hardwood Floors
 Carpet: Bentley; Tandus; Bolyu
 Millwork: Focal Point Fixtures
 Photographer: Brandon Stengel, Assoc. AIA/Farm Kid Studios

The Hewing

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Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Client: Fe Equus Development, LLC
 Architect: ESG Architecture & Design
 Principal-in-charge: Aaron Roseth, Assoc. AIA
 Project lead architect: Steve Oakley, AIA
 Project lead interior designer: Megan Eckhoff
 Project interior designer: Ciarah Coenen
 Project manager: Steve Oakley, AIA
 Project architects: Jennifer Garman; Mike Gordon
 Structural engineer: Ericksen Roed & Associates
 Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing engineer: Steen Engineering
 Civil engineer: Sunde Engineering, PLLC
 HVAC engineer: Modern Heating & Air
 Lighting designer: Schuler Shook
 Interior designer: ESG Architecture & Design
 General contractor: Greiner Construction
 Electrical contractor: OlympiaTech Electric

Plumbing contractor: Wenzel Engineering Inc.
 Face brick: Building Restoration Corporation
 Tile: Grazzini Brothers & Company
 Cabinetwork: Blu Dot
 Flooring systems/materials: KMAC, Inc.; Acoustic Associates Inc.
 Window systems: Pella Replacement Windows & Doors
 Storefronts: Northwestern Glass Fab
 Architectural metal panels: Nordstrom Architectural Sheet Metal
 Concrete work: DRF Concrete Construction LLC
 Millwork: Distinctive Cabinet Design
 Specialty millwork: Scathain
 Metal fabrication: DG Welding & Mfg., Inc.
 Fire protection: Frontier Fire
 Painting: Sunrise Painting & Wallcovering
 Drywall installer: Mulcahy Nickolaus
 Photographers: Brandon Stengel; Peter VonDeLinde; Gustav Hoiland

111 Washington Square Amenities Floor

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Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Client: Shorenstein
 Architect: ESG Architecture & Design
 Principal-in-charge: David Graham, FAIA
 Project interior designer: Amanda Iverson
 Project manager: Melissa Young
 Project architect: Nate Enger
 Interior designer: ESG Architecture & Design
 Furniture, fixtures, and equipment procurement: Fluid Interiors
 Tile distributor: Tile X Design
 Flooring systems/materials: Piece Interior Resources
 Architectural metal panels: Astro Engineering & Manufacturing Inc.
 Wood cladding: TerraMai
 Millwork finisher: O'Keefe Incorporated
 Acoustic ceiling panels: Twin Cities Acoustics
 Restaurant equipment and design: Boelter Landmark
 General contractor: Adolfson & Peterson Construction
 Mechanical contractor: MMC
 Electrical contractor: Hunt Electric Corporation
 Photographer: Brandon Stengel, Assoc. AIA/Farm Kid Studios

100 Washington Square Amenities Floor

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Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Client: Shorenstein
 Architect: ESG Architecture & Design
 Principal-in-charge: Nate Enger
 Project lead designers: Mathew Enos; Amanda Iverson
 Project manager: Amanda Iverson
 Project architect: Nate Enger
 Interior designer: ESG Architecture & Design
 General contractor: Greiner Construction
 Furniture, fixtures, and equipment procurement: Fluid Interiors
 Tile distributor: Acoustic Associates, Inc.
 Flooring systems/materials: Acoustic Associates, Inc.
 Architectural metal panels, wood cladding, and millwork finisher: Distinctive Cabinet Design
 Restaurant equipment and design: Boelter Landmark
 Mechanical contractor: Modern Heating & Air
 Electrical contractor: Mayer Electric Corp.
 Photographer: Brandon Stengel, Assoc. AIA/Farm Kid Studios

Code 42

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Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Client: Code 42
 Designers: ESG Architecture & Design; Eastlake Studio
 Principals-in-charge: Nate Enger (ESG); Tom Zurowski, AIA (Eastlake)
 Project lead designer: Kevin Kamien
 Project manager: Lynn Beise
 Project architect: Nate Enger
 Interior designer: ESG Architecture & Design
 General contractor: Greiner Construction
 Furniture, fixtures, and equipment procurement: Fluid Interiors
 Tile distributor: CD Tile & Stone
 Flooring systems/materials: Floors by Beckers
 Architectural metal panels: National Steel
 Wood cladding and millwork finisher: Distinctive Cabinet Design
 Acoustic ceiling baffles: Sonus Interiors
 Restaurant equipment and design: Boelter Landmark

Mechanical contractor: Modern Heating & Air
 Electrical contractor: Fraser-Morris Electrical Co.
 Photographer: Brandon Stengel, Assoc. AIA/Farm Kid Studios

Millwright Building

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Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Client: Ryan Companies US, Inc.
 Architect: Ryan A+E, Inc.
 Principal-in-charge: Mike Ryan, AIA
 Project lead designers: Josh Ekstrand, AIA; Ayman Arafa, AIA
 Project manager: Ayman Arafa, AIA
 Project architects: Ayman Arafa, AIA; Chase Prepula, AIA
 Project team: Kaitlin Veenstra
 Energy modeling: Michaud Cooley Erickson
 Structural engineer: Ericksen Roed & Associates
 Mechanical engineer: Master Mechanical, Inc.
 Electrical engineer: Egan Company
 Civil engineer: Ryan A+E, Inc.
 Lighting designer: Egan Company
 Interior designer: Ryan A+E, Inc.
 Interior design project team: Ashley Wurster; Sage Roshau
 General contractor: Ryan Companies US, Inc.
 Landscape architect: Ryan A+E, Inc.
 Landscape project team: Casey Redland
 Architectural precast: Gage Brothers
 Face brick: Belden Belcrest 760
 Stone: Cold Spring Granite
 Cabinetwork: Shaw-Stewart Lumber Co.
 Flooring systems/materials: Polished concrete by Ryan Companies US, Inc.
 Window systems: St. Cloud Window
 Architectural metal panels: Innovative Building Concepts
 Concrete work: Ryan Companies US, Inc.
 Millwork: The Woodshop of Avon
 Name and logo: Little & Co.
 Photographer: Paul Crosby

Homes by Architects House 17

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Location: Stillwater, Minnesota

Clients: Josh and Trish Hanson

Architect: SALA Architects, Inc.

Principal-in-charge: Katherine Hillbrand, AIA

Project lead designers: Katherine Hillbrand, AIA; Chris Meyer, AIA

Project manager: Katherine Hillbrand, AIA

Project architects: Katherine Hillbrand, AIA; Chris Meyer, AIA

Project team: Katie Leaf, Assoc. AIA; Max Mahaffey (intern); Anne Hauer (associate)

Energy modeling: Katie Leaf, Assoc. AIA; Marc Sloat, AIA

Structural engineer: Align Structural

Mechanical engineer: Select Mechanical

Electrical engineer: Milo Electric

Lighting designer: SALA Architects, Inc.

Interior designers: owners and architect

General contractor: Choice Wood Company

Landscape architect: LHB, Inc.

Face brick: Endicott brick

Cabinetwork: Choice Wood Company

Flooring systems/materials: Carlisle Wide Plank Floors

Window systems: Loewen Windows; Heritage Window & Door (operable and fixed units); INGlass, LLP (glass curtainwall); Quantum Window and Doors (lift-and-slide doors); W.L. Hall Company (Kalwall skylights)

Architectural metal panels: Loftus Ornamental Iron

Concrete work: Stockness Construction

Millwork: Cabinets by Choice

Photographer: Morgan Sheff

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